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Is this a labour party, brother?



Tony Blair is steering Labour away from its old Intimate relationship with the unions. Peter Sellers's union boss in I'm All Right Jack, who could stop production on a show of hands, would not have approved

No, it's meant for everyone...

Is the Labour Party any looger

a jabour party?

6 This week, perhaps for the further shifts away from first time since the party was hom in the early part of the centory, the answer to that question seems to be an unequivocal No. Tony Blair's determination to stand by his junior spokesman. Stepheo Byers after he had briefed that the party might ditch its union link, and then the public repudiation of the word socialism by another leading Blairite, Kim Howells - who was ugain focked by his leader - are unmissable signs.

We must assume that Mr Blair does indeed intend to lead a party that is not coonected to organised labour and which defines itself without reference to socialist ideology. Even for a party which has been through such a torreot of change as Labour, this is a wa-

How far can Blair go? He will face some irate traditionalists at the party's own conference and he needs union funding until the election itself. But what he is doing seems to be popular with voters, and the parliamentary left is now a weak and elderly

By Donald Macintyre

Labour's 20th-ceotury history, to the point where that "project" simply disappears, are a few suspicious and very senior mem-bers of the Shadow Cabinet.

The loss of John Prescott, whose views on the formal repudiation of socialism are likely to be salty, to put it mildly, would be difficult to cope with. Trickier still would be any rift with Robin Cook, who sees himself in some ways as a keeper of the socialist faith. It is very useful for Blair to have the odd fight with the left, and beat them; but there may come a point when the perception of a split party worries him more.

Uotil then, however, the revolution continues. At the weekend Tony Benn said he could not believe believe that politics in the 21st century would revert to that of the 19th century when "you had two capitalist parties...". But that, he added, was what "modernisation is all about." Mr Benn is on to something. The idea that Tony Blair's Labour Party might in time have at least as much in common with Gladstonian or

Asquithian Liberalism as with the mid-20th century version of

Labour is not outlandish. Consider the Labour leader's article in the Observer on Sunday, and its extraordinary reappraisal of Labour's early history. Almost by accident, he seems to be saying, the influence of Marx form of economic doctrine". What's more this was "heightened" by the "division in radical politics . . . berween Labour

and the Liberals".

Blair is taking a liberty with history when he goes on to claim that the TUC was created when some unioos "disapproved of forming the Labour Party." The TUC was formed in 1868, the Labour Representation Committee in 1900. But that doesn't affect his complaint that "Lloyd George, Keynes and Beveridge became separated from Attlee, Bevin and Bevan, though in truth they had the same basic ideals." According to Blair the forces that caused this split are spent". If this is not reclaiming the high ground of 19th- and early 20th-

century Liberalism, what is?

The unease caused by all this among those senior Shadow Cabinet colleagues will oot be reduced by Blair's speech in the City last night. Blair again and again made it clear that he was not trying to claim that every ecocomic policy of previous Labour governments it. was good or every one taken by previous fory governments bad. It's shocking, certainly. But that doesn't make it wrong. And

there's something more. It's fashionable to complain about the absence of deep difference between the two main parties. But a 19th-century radical would have been surprised at the idea that because the two parties wanted to make capi-talism work, there was no electoral choice. Any more than that each had its business supporters. Gladstone, fiscally responsible but, as time wore on more and more a reformer, isn't

an unworthy model. It doesn't, of course, mean that Blair is seeking to abandon every triumph of Labour's history. But it does mean that his journey back to the future is much longer than any of us thought. Tony Benn is right. This is oot Labour as we know it.

The word socialism should be humanely phased out'

Kim Howells, Sunday Tony Blair's allies believe he is considering holding a ballot of all members to secure a mandate for divorcing the party from the

Thoughts later traced to Stephen Byers, Labour employment Wednesday.

unions.

There was an is no secret plan to 'dump' unions. But today business people as well as employees are joining us. There is a process of evolution under way that is not about disowning our past but about refusing to live in it.

Tony Blair, yesterday

highly inappropriate and pusil-lanimous policy in relation to ar-

rests. Looking at it from the point of view of the victims, I get

feelings of a great injustice

that's been done to them. I

mean, here is the internatioo-

al community that for the first

time ever sets up an ioterna-

tional war crimes tribunal. The

victims must, many of them,

have felt some sort of positive

feelings ... the UN Security

Council has given a stamp of ap-

proval and all countries are

obliged to make arrests. And

Nato forces in Bosnia have

been ordered to arrest wanted

nothing happensi"

...or mainly for business?

JOHN RENTOUL Political Correspondent

Tony Blair's redefinition of socialism swept oo yesterday, as he went to the heart of specu-lative capitalism in the City of London to embrace the profit

ter off, but in a sustainable way.

"Sometimes our political oppooents portray the Labour party as a bunch of kill-joys, always opposing tax cuts and in-creases io living standards. Nothing could be further from the truth. We want people to consume more. We want high quality public services. We want people to pay lower taxes," he

"But we want this for all our people - not simply a few at the top - and we want it on a sustainable basis."

In an address to the Liffe market, once regarded with in-tense suspicioo on the left because its trading is essentially betting against future price changes, he contloued his controversial drive to re-position Labour as equidistant between business and trade unions.

In the past, he said, "the Labour Party was portrayed as representing one sectional in-terest and the Tory party another, while we appeared insufficiently aware of the importance of profit".

But now, while denying a "s cret plan to dump unions", he said that "business people as well as employees are joining

His address set out the four "Millennium Challenges" he saw facing Britain, and trailed a series of further speeches by leading shadow ministers on hours. how a Labour government.

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member of his flock, has

resigned asking the Pope "for

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forgiveness".

Mr Blair continued to play would attempt to meet them. In short, the challenges were: how to make Britain better off; down expectations of a dramatic change of economic policy unbow to make Britain safe: how

to make Britain accountable; and how to make Britain strong. In meeting the first, Mr Blair said, Labour had moved oo from the solutions of the past. He told his audience at the "Even if we wanted to do so. Guildhall that New Labour we could not today find a wanted to deliver "the good times", and make Britain betownership. Eveo if we wanted to do so, we could not find unioo

and management groups able to

implement a national pay policy," he said. But he said that the Conservatives had neglected important economic truths over the past 17 years. One was the oeed for long-term investment, which was "crucial to the sustained growth of living standards and lasting reductions in taxation". Another was that "mocopoly profits distort economic effider Labour. "There is no big hang' way of transforming an economy for the better, but the cumulative effect of consistently good policy measures can be large," he said. Earlier, Mr Blair had backed

Kim Howells, Labour's junior trade spokesman, who caused a furore at the weekend by call ing for the word "socialism" to be phased out. "I agree absointely that what we have got to be about is the best practical means to deliver a different type of society in Britain today that faces that modern world, that is based absolutely on our values but isn't tied to some outdated form of ideology," Mr Blair said on the BBC's Today

programme.

Kim expressed this in his own inimitable style, but I think the kernel of his argument was

Ford worker had a better, wetter idea

STEVE BOGGAN

Two hundred workers at the Ford motor plant in Dagenham, Essex, are on strike in a row over a bag of urine.

The workers, who pack cars in kits for export outside Europe, walked out last Friday in support of a colleague who was. cked for thrusting the urine

According to workers at the plant, the sacked man, named

only as Norman, was angry when a foreman criticised his regular visits to the lavatory, usually with his favourite tabloid in hand.

The foreman felt he had gone once too often and picked in his forties, was sacked for him up over it." said one of the gross misconduct but Transport him up over it," said one of the man's colleagues. "He asked Norman where he thought he was going - he had ony been 20 minutes earlier - and Norman

man came out again with a plas-tic bag full of urine and slapped it down in front of the fore and said: There, I told you I was

going for a piss."

The man, understood to be and General Workers Union representatives called a meeting and asked workers at the KD [Knock Down] Operations desaid: Tm going for a piss'. partment to stage an unofficial
Apart 10 minutes later, Nor- walkout and to remain out of

work for a week. It is understood that in the ensuing show of hands, about a quarter of the men voted for the industrial action while the majority abstained. The vote was therefore carried and the men went home. Discussions were under way

TGWU yesterday. Ford confirmed that about 200 men were on strike and that production was likely to be

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Bosnia judge condemns West

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By Robert Fisk

A sombre and frustrated Judge Richard Goldstone, chief prosecutor of the United Nations War Crimes Tribunal on former Yugoslavia, has warned that Nato's failure to arrest indicted Serb war criminals Radovan Karadjic and Ratko Mladic could prove a fatal blow to this tribunal and to the future of international justice."

Speaking in his office in The Hague less than two weeks hefore he is due to step down as Chief Prosecutor, Mr Goldstone bitterly condemned what he called the West's "highly in-



appropriate and pusilianimous policy" of not apprehending the two indicted war criminals. who have been blamed for the mass murder of up to 8,000 Bosnian Muslim civilians in the UN "safe haven" of Srebrenica in July last year. In an interview with The In-

dependent as Bosnians prepared to go to the polls at the weekend, Mr Goldstone, the distinguished South African lawyer who for two years has led the UN prosecution into the most horrific war crimes perpetrated in Europe since the Second World War, spoke of his deep disappointment at the failure of Western leaders to order the ar-

rest of the two wanted Serbs. They made absolutely clear to me ... that they weren't prepared to put their soldiers at risk," he said. "I have been asked ... how I would explain to a mother in Omaha, Nebraska, that her son was killed going to arrest a war criminal in Bosnia.



I said I would explain it the same way as I would if her son was amember of the Omaha police

force and got killed or injured going to arrest a serial murderer." According to Mr Goldstone, his war crimes investigators have been told by members of the I-For forces in Bosnia that for what I regard as really a

does frustration that they aren't able to go out and get these people". They would arrest Karadic and Mladic "tomorrow", the judge said, if they were given the orders to do so. "My great fear is that if we don't get a sub-stantial number of arrests of people we've indicted in the next month - I wouldn't like to put a figure on it. 12 months, 14 months, 18 mooths - I think it could be a fatal blow to this tribunal and to the future of international justice. It will show that international justice cannot work as we enter the 21st century, because there is no political will to make it work."

Judge Goldstone has issued 74 arrest warrants since the court began work in The Hague in 1994. Only seven of the accased are in castody. The judge said the tribunal

had been "failed by the politicians who've been responsible

war criminals if they see them - but not to seek them out or search for them. Mr Karadjic was reported last week to be visiting his elderly mother in Montenegro. General Mladic, chiefly responsible for the bloodbath in Srebrenica, is believed to be in his heavily guard-

Section 2 ARCHITECTURE ed bunker in Serbian Bosnia.

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Hogg urged to honour BSE cull SIGNIFICANT SHORTS

KATHERINE BUTLER

Britain can forget about ending the worldwide ban on its beef if it reneges on a deal with its European Union partners to slaughter over 140,000 cows at risk of developing BSE, the farm minister, Douglas Hogg. was warned yesterday.

The rebuff to government plans to abandon the accelerated cattle cull was delivered in strident terms by the Irish EU presidency even hefore Europe's 15 agriculture ministers

After a one-to-one discussion with Mr Hogg, the Irish farm minister, Ivan Yates, who is chairing the two-day meeting, said he had warned Britain

against going hack on a deal struck in Florence last June which committed it to a sweeping BSE eradication programme in exchange for a step by-step lifting of the beef ex-

The Florence agreement is the only workable solution. To depart from that would only make a bad situation virtually

cull is an integral part of what was agreed at Florence. To fail to honour that aspect would be to fail to honour the entire agreement with obvious consequences," Mr Yates said.

Echoing him, the European Commission President, Jacques Santer, said: "We don't need headlines every fortnight. We need to stick to agreements we've already reached".

Armed with a new scientific study showing that BSE will die out by the year 2001 regardless of the slaughter programme, Mr

sat down to discuss the matter. impossible. The accelerated Hogg prepared yesterday to are banning British dairy produrge colleagues to review their to the policy of non-cooperation demands. He was careful to would however be "a last resort" avoid framing a clear proposal he admitted. for a cut in slaughter numbers

But signs that Britain appears ready to jettison the centrepiece of its BSE eradication strategy on the basis of new forecasts impressed few. Spanish minister Loyola de Palaccio said her goverament wanted Britain to stick to the Florence agreement and to refer any new evidence to EU scientists, while Germany's Franz Josef Feiter warned that the situation in Germany was

beef already down by 40 per cent. Hundreds of German

tried to unravel the Florence pact. "Not to honour the accelerated cull would really tell British farmers that there is no short term prospect of getting the ban lifted at all That is not in the interests of British agri-

farmers protested in Brussels vesterday as the talks began. Mr Yates pledged to act as honest broker hut said Britain would wreck its chances of an early end to the export ban if it

A Catholic man was shot dead in a nationalist area of Belfast yesterday in an incident which was locally suspected to a be a republican "punishment" shooting. The man was killed in a house in the Markets area, a completely Catholic district not far from the city centre. He was repeatedly shot in the head and died instantly. A 13-yearold girl was said to have been present in the living room of

the bouse when the killing was carried out.

The man, who lived not far way, was visiting a friend's house when he was killed. He and his family are well-known in the district, his mother and sister living nearby. Although there was no immediate admission of responsibility for the murder, the general assumption of local people was that it looked like the work of some locally based republican grouping. Two men were seen running away from the rear of the house after the shooting.

The local parish priest, Canon Peter McCann, said: "It seems at this early stage to be quite clear that the people who carried ont this murder did not come from very far away. It seems to come under the heading of the administration of capital punishment by people who have set themselves up as judge, jury and executioners." David McKittrick

xam grades that were too low in national tests in English for 14-year-olds this summer were awarded to 40 per cent of pupils at just one school, an exam board has decided. When Oxford School, an Oxford comprehensive, appealed against the marks awarded to 34 pupils, the Southern Examining Group upgraded them all. Eleven candidates went up from level 3 to 4, sixteen from level 4 to 5

and seven from level 5 to 6. The school said that its teachers were appalled by the standard of marking when the marked scripts were returned: they had not been marked consistently and a few students' papers had been marked by another examiner who had given much higher grades. A spokeswoman for the School Curriculum and Assessment Authority said: "The school seems to have a genuine grievance which is both unusual and unacceptable. If bad markers are identified they are not used again." Judith Judd

Fore than 400 postal strike activists from all over Britain meet today amid signs that the Royal Mail could face serious competition if the Government allows private operators to deliver letters from Friday. TNI, the mternational distribution company, announced plans to establish a service for businesses in the Midlands if Royal Mail's letters monopoly is suspended. The Post Office believes that other operations are being set up for the City of London, in Portsmouth and the Midlands towns of Chesterfield, Derby and Mansfield.

The Government has threatened to allow private companies to compete with official services for three months if the Communication Workers Union presses ahead with 24 hour strikes on Friday and Monday. The leadership believes that unless there is a change of mind, the CWU postal executive will tomorrow call further stoppages. The union's executive met John Monks, Trades Union Congress general secretary, yesterday to brief him on the dispute, but there were no signs of a breakthrough. Barrie Clement

The Royal Family took its first tentative step towards modernising its role yesterday at one of its twice-yearly family conferences at Balmoral. But decisions on major issues, such as the succession and royal marriages to Roman Catholics are likely to be taken only after lengthy deliberations, according to royal sources. While dubbed the "Way Ahead" summit, yesterday's gathering was largely taken up with the planning of forthcoming public engagements. More extensive discussions about the monarchy's future will come in later meetings. Patricia Wynn Davies

Scotland Yard's underwater search team have been moved to other duties while an investigation is carried out into allegation involving drinking on duty and expenses irregularities, it emerged yesterday. Divers from Essex and Thames Valley police forces have been covering for the eight-

member Metropolitan squad since the beginning of August. The allegations, which are denied, co drinking in a pub during a break from searching the docks next to site of the IRA South Quay bomb, east London, in February. There are also accusations concerning errors in some of the squad's expenses claims. The Yard's internal Complaints Investigation Bureau has been carrying out an investigation for the past six weeks. Jason Bennetto

Gerald Malone pledged that "video nasties" of NHS coperations will never be made for sale to the general public again. The Health minister was speaking shortly after the makers of a controversial video of surgeons working on NHS patients, banned by a High Court injunction vesterday,

claimed it will soon be back on shop shelves. Department of Health officials issued a writ against IMC Videos over footage in Everyday Operations which was described as gruesome and intended to shock. Mr Malone said: "Such video nasties not only encroach on the confidentiality of NHS treatment and the doctor-patient relationship - they might also deter patients from seeking treatment." He said yesterday's decision by the court meant that the video could not be sold to the public. "The injunction" is to be permanent," he added.

Tony Blair condemned one of his own back benchers last night for hosting the launch at the House of Commons of an autobiography by Gerry Adams, president of Sinn Fein. The Labour leader's attack on Jeremy Corbyn, the left wing Labour MP for Islington North, for giving Mr Adams a platform underlined his determination to impose stiffer discipline on Labour MPs.

"I condemn this event without reservation and totally dissociate the Labour Party from it," said the Labour leader. "Gerry Adams is not in any way associated with the Labour Party. He is opposed to the Labour Party's sister part in Northern Ireland and are are in a situation where the IRA has refused to call a ceasefire." Mr Blair's move followed anger from backbench MPs - principally Conservatives - at a loophole which enabled Mr Adams, as a former MP, to use the Commons for his book launch on Thursday provided a sitting MP booked a room. Colin Brown

The poet A E Housman gains a place in Poet's Corner today, 50 years after his death and a century after the publication of his poem collection A Shropshire Lad. The late Sir Kingsley Amis, Dame Iris Murdoch, Prof Seamus Heancy and Housman's most famous student Enoch Powell, are among those who lobhied for the honour for the poet. Their work bears fruit tomorrow when a memorial window is dedicated in Westminster Abbey, alongside memorials to Wordsworth, Shakespeare and other giants of literature. Powell will unveil the window and writer Alan Bennett will read some of his works at the service, which it is expected will be packed with members of the A E Housman society and the poet's admirers.

London's pigeon problems come home to roost

hut told reporters: "There is no

cull policy which anybody re-

motely suggests should be

adopted which will substantial-

ly speed up the eradication of

Mr Hogg suggested that oth-

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to honour their side of the Flo-

rence deal - France is restrict-

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cosmetics, some German states



NICHOLAS SCHOON **Environment Correspondent**

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The Government is considering a crack down on the pigeons in Trafalgar Square, nn the grounds that their droppings and their sheer numbers despoil one of London's most important

vants suggests that the vendor who sells seed for them in the square might have his licence withdrawn. Alternatively, anti-pigeon wire and spikes could be placed nn surrounding roosting places: this has already been tried

elsewhere in London. post mic in contour 5 miss important dun't need in dn anything about the poisoning them. But it points out that the public might be unhappy about a

department. "After all, they are part of the square's attraction for many visitors, and the fact that seed is sald there means the birds are in better conditinn than in some other places."

The report considers the possibility of using a trained hawk to fright-"But ministers might judge we en them off, and of shooting and

possible to eliminate pigeons entirely from the square.

Meanwhile the London Evening Standard, in a public-spirited gesture, has had ten pigeon corpses analysed by a laboratory in Narwich which found they harboured a rich variety of disease-causing organisms, in-cluding thuse which cause fund

oisoning, thrush and skin lesions. The laboratory also looked at the contents of the birds' digestive tracts. There they found the remains of Chinese takeaway food, bread and a small piece of plastic yellow carton from the McDonald's hamburger

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Public sector squeezed again over pay rises

COLIN BROWN Chief Political Correspondent

Pay review bodies for five millioo public sector workers will he told today by the Chancellor that the Government is enforcing a pay squeeze for the fourth year in succession.

Kenneth Clarke's letter to the

pay review bodies covering nurses, doctors, teachers and civil servants is certain to cause an outcry in the wake of the MPs' decision to give themselves a pay rise of 26 per cent. The nurses will table a de-mand next week for a "sub-

stantial" pay increase, without setting a figure, to enable them to catch up with comparable groups, including teachers. The main public sector

union, Unison, representing 1.5 million workers, rejected the Chancellor's pay freeze strate-gy. "Yet again the Government expects low-paid public staff to bear the brunt of the cuts to pay for tax cuts in a last attempt to bribe the electorate in Novem-

ber," said a spokeswoman. The Chancellor will tell the review bodies that pay riscs must be paid for with productivity, but he will give a clear signal that he expects the public sector to squeezed more tightly than before, with running costs facing a cut of 12 per cent over the next three years.

Last year public sector pay rises averaged 2-3 per cent. and this year they were held to 3 per cent, but with inflation down to 2.1 per cent Mr Clark wants to hold the public sector down below 3 per cent next year.



Kenneth Clarke: Signal that he expects a squeeze

chair the EDX committee of the Cabinet to settle the public spending levels for next year. William Waldegrave, the Chief Secretary to the Treasury, is fi-nalising bids with ministers, to cut spending to make room for tax cuts in the Budget.

cellor on the BBC Today proramme was attacked by Brian Mawhinney, Tory Party chair-Dr Mawhinney protested to John Birt, Director-General of

An interview with the Chan-

the BBC, for alleged bias over an interview with the Chancellor by Anna Ford in the BBC Today programme. Dr Mawhinney accused Ms

Ford of having "repeatedly in-terrupted the Chancellor", but he said James Naughtic, another presenter had treated Tony Blair, the Labour leader. "with kid gloves" in an interview a few minutes later. At the end of her interview, Ms Ford commented: "So you are not going to elevate the dehate - thank you Mr Clarke.

Move to extend 20mph

CHRISTIAN WOLMAR Transport Correspondent

Pressure for the extension of 20mph speed-limit zones is likely to increase after a report yesterday showed that they reduce accidents by 60 per cent. The RAC responded with a cautious welcome for extending the zones and called for "a review of all speed limits."

In a survey of the first 200 20mph zones around Britain, researchers at the Transport Research Laboratory found the number of accidents involving child pedestrians fell by 70 per cent and those involving child cyclists by a half. Local authorities were first

given the right in December 1990 to apply to the Depart-ment of Transport permission to impose 20mph limit zones and there are now nearly 300. The councils must imple-

ment traffic-calming measures hefore imposing the speed limit and most zones have been installed in residential areas, though a few are in town centres. Previous research has shown that while at 30mph nearly half of children hit by a car will die, at 20mph one in 20 will be killed.

The researchers found that overall specds fell by just over 9mph in the new zones, showing that most motorists obeyed the limits, and that there was a 6 per cent drop in accidents for every Imph reduction in speed The research also suggests that while traffic increased on nearby mads as people sought to avoid the 20mph zones, the ac-

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Religious Affairs Correspondent

The Roman Catbolic bishop who disappeared with a womanmember of his flock vesterday let it be known that he had resigned, asking the Pope for

forgiveness and your prayers". The Rt Rev Roderick Wright, 56, Bishnp of Argyll and the Isles, has written to the Pope re-signing his see and apologising for the distress he has brought to his people and to the family nf Kathleen MacPhee, 40, the divorcee whn disappeared with him, the Scottish Catholic Bishops' Office said yesterday. The couple's whereabouts is nnt

The Bishop, who dropped out of public view a week ago, met Cardinal Thomas Winning, the leader of the Catholic Church In Scotland on Sunday. "It was a very emotional meeting because he was very upset and I didn't think he realised the kind of trauma he put everyone else in,"the Cardinal said.

"He was very insistent on expressing his deep, deep sorrow and regret for the hurt he bad caused by his sudden disap-

Archbishop Keith O'Brien, who has taken over the temporary running of Bishop Wright's

Bishop Wright said in a statement yesterday "I now wish time and privacy to reflect on my future as I await acceptance of my resignation as a bisbop. I am spiritually and physically unable to sustain the responsibilities of

a Diocesan bishop."

The only really unusual thing about Bishop Wright, who also happens to include the isle of Muck in his diocese, is that he has turned out to be Bishop, and not Father or Monsignor Wrong. Compulsory celibacy has become more and more difficult to maintain in the mod-rn world. Around 100,000 priests have left the Roman-Catholic church in the 30 years ince the Second Vatican Council ended in 1965. The difficulties of maintaining celibacy are thought to have been a major

factor in this loss of priests. Even the priests responsible for training other in the neces-sary disciplines and rewards of cellbacy believe that the days of compulsory celibacy are numbered, at least for nrdinary parish clergy. Mgr Jim O'Keefe, newly appointed president of Ushaw Seminary, said yesterday: "My own feeling is that it will change, but more slowly than people think. I think ex-

ni some kind of council." Celibacy has been a problem for the Church for almost as lnng as it has had a priesthood. The Eastern Orthodox churches permit their parish clergy to marry, but bishops must he celibate. St Augustine put away his concubine on becoming a Christian, but other great the nlogians married — Martin Luther, in a double blow against celibacy, choosing a nun. Thomas Cranmer, the Archhishop who divorced Henry VIII three times, married once.

Celibacy has been a problem for the church almost as long as it has had a priesthood

However, celibacy was re-esclergy during the counter-relatter part of this century that it has become a really difficult problem. Dr Richard Sipe, a married former monk who has made a large scale study of celibacy, reckons that around 50 per cent of the priests in the developed world have fairly reg-ular sexual relationships — and that elsewhere the proportion is somewhat higher. These figures are disputed, but no one disputes the general picture. Pope John Paul II has set his

be done once he is dead. Though all Catholics value the idea that some men are called to be celibate priests, it becomes harder and harder to find any who believe that all who are

called to be priests are also au-tomatically called to be celibate. In this country and in the US there are small but influential numbers of married Catholic priests who are ex-Anglicans. One, in Alabama, last year became the first divorced Catholic priest in the world. In the third world it is taken for granted that a large proportion of the parish

clergy bave families. In the developed world the pressures are different and more subtle. Priests talk about two main factors. The first is that sex is a far more public and per-vasive factor than it used to be. Speaking at the weekend, Car-dinal Basil Hume said: "In nur society's elevation of freedom of choice to the apparent ex-clusion of other values, and in its seemingly endless obsession with sex we are witnessing the peddling of unreal fantasies about what it is to buman Far from reflecting experiences of genuine love and human intimacy [sex] seems to offer a fantasy in compensation for the lack of such experiences."

Priests are not immune from the temptation to such fantasies. In some ways they may be more vulnerable than the more experienced, as part of the changes in their role since the second Vatican Council, Mgr O'Keefe says Thirty years ago the job itself was far more clearly prescribed. Now it is much more open and far more demands are made on us. The uncertainty, the lack of clarity, the complexity of how we began to understand being a priests was a destabilising phenomenon in the lives of many men.

Like Dr Sipe, Mgr O'Keefe believes that there are three main attitudes to celibacy tablished among the Catholic among the priesthood, though he says it is impossible to estiand it is only in the mate what the proportions are among candidates 10 tion. There are those, he says, who have the gift, and know they are called to celibacy. There are others who see celibacy as an integral part of being a priest, "though they might prefer ant to"; and finally those who use celibacy as a way of escaping the difficulties of growing up as a sexual being. It is the third group I would feel most anxious about. That when the crunch comes, after seven or twenty five years, they break out of the mould completely."



The Rt Rev Roderick Wright, who has apologised for the distress he has caused

Photograph: The Herald Glasgow iprocess is free.

A star John Major never named

CHARLES ARTHUR Science Editor

> It is a tale of a distant sun and the terrestrial one: yesterday the Sun said that nn the instigation of a constituent, John Major had spent £55 of his own to name a star for the children massacred in Dunblane, as "a comfort to the people of Dunblane in the

years to come". A touching story, except that John Major didn't spend any money and didn't get the star named. That was the work of Toni Coventry, 22, of Islington (not Huntingdon), whn had the idea herself in March, and paid the registration fee in the International Star Registry (ISR), which duly renamed star H53165-535 in the constellation Cygnus the "Star of

Dunblane".

Ms Coventry received the certificate from the ISR on 13 March and sent it to Dunhlane primary school, where it has been framed and hung. She received a letter of thanks in

return. Unsurprisingly, Ms Coventry was not inconsiderably annoyed yesterday that John Major, or his publicity machine in Wapping, appeared to be bask-ing in the reflected glow of ap-proval. "I feel a hit angry because it was me that first bought it," she said, "I didn't want publicity for it, but I have had to let everybody know now that it wasn't him."

The Sun's story was sparked off by a letter from Mr Major to a constituent, Geoffrey Bye, who had suggested the naming idea to him. In the letter of 21 August, Mr Major said: "As you can imagine, this was not an entirely straight forward matter to pursue. However, I am de-lighted to be able to tell you that a star has now been named 'Star of Dunblane' and the School has been sent a certificate of registration with a large astronomical chart pin-pointing its exact location.

Downing Street insisted that the attribution of the purchase to Mr Major was the result of a mix-up between departments. Astronomers meanwhile were annoyed at the apparent legitimisation of ISR, which itself says that the naming service it offers has no official basis and is "primarily intended as a nov-

elty gift service". The ufficial naming organisation, the International Astronomical Union, bardly ever puts a person's name to a star. But when it does, the naming

face against any weakening of the discipline. But it is gener-Phil Shaw reflects on footballers' spirits - the ones found stacked behind the nightclub bar tremely unlikely to be any

It's a game of two halves, three pints of lager and four tequilas

The man from Loaded magazine bad asked Saint and Greavsie to name the biggest influence nn their careers. "Bill Shankly" was the reply from Ian St John citing his old manager at Liverpool. Jimmy Greaves was equally ready with his an-swer. "Vladimir Smirnoff." For devotees of the bible of

laddishness, his response no doubt provided a laugh over the lagers. After all, as anyone ever beats alcoholism, Greaves seems to have managed it. Arguably the greatest goal-scorer English football has known, he is off the bottle and on the box. Behind the titters, though,

there lay a deeper-rooted problem. Far from being a one-off or, like George Best, a ruddyfaced relic of a boozier bygone era, Greaves has begun to look like the tip of the Carlsberg. On Saturday, Tony Adams,

who captained England during Euro 96, followed his Arsenal colleague, Paul Merson, by admitting his addiction. The image of an emotional Adams, splashed across the papers, was followed yesterday by an announcement that the Football Association is to conduct random breathalyser tests on every player in the professional game.

As moral panics go, it is hardly new. Barely three months have passed since the same papers reported a 'binge' by England players on the flight from Hong Kong. When three of the squad were spotted in a night-club after the draw with Switzerland, The Sun's headline screamed: "England aces back









Bottoms up: (left to right) Paul Merson at Stringfellows, Paul Gascoigne in Hong Kong, and George Best on holiday in 1969

Paul Gascoigne, inevitably the centre of the Hong Kong accusations, made his point after scoring against Scotland. Lying on the Wembley turf, he allowed the England team to shower him with Lucozade, a selfmocking re-creation of the Tequila-fuelled "dentist's chair" episode in the Far East.

Gazza's indignation might have attracted greater sympathy had he not previously been involved in incidents in nightspots where he sought refreshment with his friend "Five Bellies". Graham Taylor, when England manager, talked euphemistically about Gascoigne's need to "re-fuel". As his club doctor at Lazio, in Rome, said: Beer in intrinsic to Paul's diet

in moderation it's OK." Jimmy Hill, in a previous incarnation as leader of the playeas' union, claimed 35 years ago that moderation was observed: ture.

"Quite a few footballers can knock back a pint or two, but none are alcoholics."

Nowadays, the link between football and alcohul is institutionalised. After every match the combatants raise a glass in the players' bar. In their leisure time, those not inclined to play golf have been known to spend some of their burgeoning salaries on slaking a thirst. Several teams sport the

names of brewers on their shirts, replicas of which are worn by children down to preschool age. And the question: "Will you be having a few drinks to celebrate?" is part of the ritual of the post-match interview. At least that is the case in this

country. British players joining Continental teams, especially in Italy and Spain, have found that the lifestyle they grew up with was abhorred in their new cul-

Greaves traced the advent of beavy drinking among players back to the cynical, win-at-allcosts football of the Sixties (whether it is coincidence or not, the abolition of the maximum wage had given them unprecedented spending power). It helped relieve the pressure," he said in the book This

One's On Me. Spurs' drinking school comprised mainly "pint-sinkers", Greaves recalled. Thirty years on they are downing spirits as Ron Atkinson noted when he said that there were several players who would like one competition re-named the Vodka and Coca Cola Cup.

Atkinson had problems dur-ing his managership of Aston Villa with Paul McGrath, a shy Irishman who drank to become gregarious. Among McGrath's contemporaries at Manchester United, Bryan Robson's self- the British Olympic team.

was legendary. But Robson, also an England captain, was not an alcoholic, and invariably led the way in training the morning after a skinful.

McGrath now abstains, having found happiness in a second marriage. Others have been less fortunate, Best being the most obvious example. It was said, only half in jest, that the introduction of all-day drinking in Scotland had led him to join Hibernian as his career went into free-fall.

The experts do not agree. Dr Richard Budgett, pressed about the intake of Gazza and company, warned that even two to three pints in an evening was "enough to cause problems [with rehydration]". The same day, Dr Ron Maugham argued that "a few beers" aided rehydration. Both experts work for



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The oumber of young homeless people in Britain has risen to "a despairing" 250,000, with a marked increase in teenage girls leaving home with nowhere to go, a report revealed

The result of the first attempt to quantify how many young people are oo the streets, in squats or bed-and-breakfasts or on friends' floors, it said the problem was far greater than charities had feared. The problem affected young people from all backgrounds, even the most

The independent study, com-missioned by 10 charities including Barnardos, Shelter and Char, highlighted the oumber of homeless young people being driveo to drug and alcohol addiction, prostitution and petty crime at the basest level of survival. The ioquiry panel included experts in bousing and social services and representatives of the police, the church

Andreas Whittam Smith, founder editor of The Independent, said an estimated 1 in 30 young people aged between 16 and 25 were homeless, a growing number in rural areas, and described it as "a very large and

despairing proportion". The young homeless are proportion of young homeless



On the street, where she lives: A young woman who is forced to live rough in London

who are women is also rising," he said. "It's a startlingly large problem and it's certainly one that's getting worse.

Their backgrounds are very diverse. They are not confined actually getting younger and the to a particular part of society ... We are especially worried by the

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long-term implications of homelessness ... it's all too easy once homeless to slide ioto a life of petty crime, drug or alcohol abuse.

Many homeless young people had faced bullying, neglect, abuse and conflict in their

homes or in care, which a disproportiooate oumber came from, according to the report. Research at Birmingham University showed girls were more likely than boys to fall out irreconcilably with their parents. Among the greatest prob-

lems facing young people when out jobs and jobs without they leave home with nowhere to go are changes in the benefits system; the lack of support for teeoagers leaving local authority care; and the "Catch-22" situation in which they are unable to find homes with-

The report, We don't choose

to be homeless, which marked the start of youth homelessness week, included young people's accounts of why they had left care or family homes and what

Photograph: Tom Pilston happened to them when they

became homeless last year, in five locations across Britain. One said: "I was in care for three years and was put in nine different places - it did my head in." Another, who eoded up on the streets in Cornwall; said: "I

was moved on by the police several times, but where do you go? They gave me no advice, just said I couldn't stay where I was." A young woman recalled "being asleep and waking up to find someone's hands down your trousers".

The report will be presented to the Government this week. Simon Hughes, Liberal Democrat spokesman, yesterday supported its calls for improved benefits and provisions for

young homeless people. He said: "The figures are not only shocking for a country" that calls itself civilised like Britain, but a real challenge. You

Where do you go? The police gave no advice but just said I couldn't stay where I was'

have to put youngsters from the age of 16 back in the welfare state again and they have to have easy

access to safe places with no bu-reaucratic difficulty.

According to the inquiry panel, it would be considerably cheaper for the Government and tarpayers to tackle home-lessness with improved benefits payments rather than bear the costs of thousands of young people having nowhere to live.

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The report said there would be a saving of £2,400 for every homeless person. While the taxpayer foots a £1,700 bill over two years for a young person on benefit, that rises to £4,100 for provisions for homeless people who cannot get benefits and are dependent oo extra back-up, and fall into crime and ill health.

Haemophiliacs 'denied clotting agent' date, has failed to move either this week publish guidelines the Department of Health, recommending that the re-

LIZ HUNT

Thousands of haemophiliac pa-tients are being denied a pur-er, artificial form of the clotting agent Factor VIII, because their health authorities will fund only a cheaper version which carries a higher risk of viral infection.

The tragedy of 1,200 haemophiliacs infected with HIV from cootaminated Factor VIII used in the early 1980s, and infected with Hepatitis C to tre Directors' Organisation will has little choice but to prescribe but Dr Paul Giangran 5,000 haemophiliacs in the UK

the Department of Health. which has rejected central funding for the genetically-engineered recombinant version, or the majority of health authorities.

Doctors are largely un-aminous in their view that recombinant Factor VIII, is preferable on clinical grounds to plasma-derived Factor VIII, made from treated human blood, for all haemophiliacs

combinant form should be used for everybody, pointing out that it is cheaper here than in the the rest of Europe. The UK's use of recombinant

is between 4-10 per cent of all Factor VIII given, compared with 50 per ceot in Germany. However, recombinant Pactor VIII costs 52p per unit compared with 20-28p per unit

for plasma-derived product, d if a health authority refuses. Hepatitis A and parvo-virus. are resistant to all sterilisatioo techniques in use, and there is also the danger posed by virus-es yet to be identified.

Following inquiries by The In-dependent this week, the Royal Free Hospital in Loodoo announced that all haemophiliac childreo in its care will now receive the recombinant form because it is the "preferred method of treatment" and that health authorities would be ex-

But Dr Paul Giangrande, di-

Haemophilia Centre, the largest in the country, says that the situation oationally is serious for both baemophiliac adults and children.

Dr Giangrande has managed to persuade health authorities to pay for recombinant Factor VIII for all boys under 10 in his combinar care since April 1995, except for plorable.

Swindoo Health Authority is reluctant to fund it, he said, and

services at the Haemophilia Society, said that health ministers had so far ignored medical advice and pressure from the Society lo make recombinant -Factor VIII universally available to haemophiliaes. He said the decisioo to add VAT to the recombinant product was de-

A spokesman for the Department said last night that it was a matter for purchasers and ministered to a child in its care ment on how to freal patients.

NHS trusts' insurance promotion deal collapses

Public Policy Editor

A potential deal under which National Health Service hospitals could promote the sale of private health insurance by Norwich Unioo Healthcare, Britain's third-biggest private medical insurer, was thrown in doubt yesterday by the Department of Health.

"NHS trusts should not align themselves with a single insur-South Africa er," a departmental spokesman said. "Or promote their goods and services on hospital premises. The last thing we want is a big Norwich Union sign saying join here. That would not be acceptable."

There was, however, nothing to prevent trusts working with a range of insurers, he added, but oot in a way which would out patients under pressure to lake out private cover.

The prospect of NHS hosnitals actively promoting private covered by the company. But, he who have been losing medical insurance has been at-added, "a degree of marketing share to NHS pay beds.

tacked by the health workers' exclusivity for a period would be union Unison and was criticised needed to make it work". vesterday by Chris Smith,

Labour's health spokesman. NHS hospitals "should quite simply not be involved" in pro-moting private health insur-ance, he said. "Whether it is one insurer or many, there will inevitably be pressure on patients to opt for insurance. It flies in the face of everything the NHS stands for and must be

stopped immediately."
The DoH's view - a matter almost certainly of guidance to NHS trusts, rather than any statutory bar on them agreeing to promote a particular product ~ may also lead to Norwich Union and other insurers going

cold on the deal. Tim Baker, Norwich Union's commercial director, said the company would not be looking for exclusivity to the sense that NHS pay-bed units and private wings would treat only patients

With trusts actively promoting Norwich Union's Trust Care policy - which provides cover only in NHS pay beds - local markets could be developed and more patients might over come the "guilt" some feel about private insurance if they knew the profits from their treatment was supporting their local NHS hospital, he said. The NHS Trust Federation is

looking for tie-ups with private insurers to offset the effect of Bupa, Britain's biggest health insurer, developing a policy which excludes patients from treat-ment in NHS pay beds - a move the federation says could cost trusts £50m in lost revenue over the oext four years.

Industry analysts helieve Bupa's move is a defensive one, attempting to raise occupancy in its own 29 hospitals and those of other private operators who have been losing market

Man in tears surrenders over Bondi Beach death

A man will appear in court in Sydney today charged with the murder of Brian Hagiand, the Briton attacked by two men near Bondi Beach 10 days ago. Police charged him after he walked into the police station in

the Sydney suburb of Bondi Beach yesterday afternoon. He arrived at the police station dressed in a dark suit and tie, accompanied by his mother and his solicitor.

The 22-year-old man wept and hugged his mother before entering the police station. Last week, three days after the attack, the man, who lives in the inner-Sydney suburb of Rushcutters Bay, about three miles from Bondi, also visited the police station with his solicitor. Leigh Johnson, hut no charges were laid then.

Mr Hagland, 28, was beaten to death in the early hours of 7



Brian Hagland: Killed after his fiancee's party

a street with his British girlfriend, Coooie Casey, 25, after her farewell party at the Australian Trade Commission, where she worked. After the couple's working holiday in Australia, they had planned to hecome engaged io Tahiti before returning to Britain, where Mr Hagland had been September as he walked along due to resume his job as a Post

Office driver in Londoo. Ms Johnson said after her client's arrest: "He maintains his innocence. It was at most a scuffle between two drunk meo. He dido't kill anyone." Police also interviewed another man, aged 23, but had laid oo charges against him late last oight.

Detectives have rejected reports that Mr Hagland might have died as a result of injuries sustained when he and his assailants fell against a slow-moving bus. They said that a secood post-mortem examination confirmed that he died from head and internal injuries.

His family is understood to be planning a funeral when his hody, accompanied by Ms Casey, returns to Britain.

Residents of Bondi Beach held a public meeting oo Sunday to protest about the increasing violence at weekends in what had been one of Sydney's most peaceful areas. Police have increased patrols there since Mr Hagland's death.

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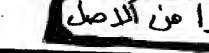
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51 years late, Austria hands over its Nazi treasure

JOJO MOYES

Fifty-one years after the end of the Second World War, Christie's will next month auction more than 8.000 items, confis-cated from Jews by the Austrian National Socialists, on behalf of victims of the Holocaust and

remaining Jewish communities. their families. The Mauerbach Benefit Sale, so-named after the Austrian monastery in which the works lingered for almost 50 years, is the first international auction of restituted or "heirless" art and is expected to raise at least \$3.5m (£2m).

includes paintings by old mas-ters such as Breughel, and (pic-tured right) The Oriental by turned to their original owners, or their families.

But instead, the Austrians tured right) The Oriental by But instead, the Austrians Friedrich von Amerling and a stored the loot in a monastery bust of Alexander the Great at Mauerbach, and successive from 3BC. These, and many unthe Federation of Austrian Jewish Communities following a vote in the Austrian parliament last year. It ends years of controversy over the Austrian government's delay in returning the works to descendants of the

No sale of this nature can go more than a few inches to rerighting the wrong which everyone, including the Austrians, acknowledge to be done," said Lord Hindlip, chairman of Christie's, which is holding the sale in Austria on a non-profit basis. "But if one takes a positive view of it, which I think one should do," he added, "it will cases where 18 people stakes mean a number of people who claim on one piece of work.

suffered most will benefit and I think that is our point ... some good at least will come out of it." Proceeds of the sale will be overseen by an international committee and will benefit both Jewish and non-Jewish

Between 1938 and 1945 the National Socialists confiscated thousands of works of an, mainly from Jews. The most valuable pieces were put aside for Hitler's planned museum in Linz. After the war, works discovered by the Allies were Examples were shown for handed over to the Austrian the first time at Christie's in government on the under-London yesterday. The property standing that they would he re-

governments refused to return recorded works, were handed to it to the Jewish community. Those who did make a claim often found their way blocked by exhaustive interrogation as

Frank Zeller, first secretary to the Austrian embassy, acknowledged at Christie's yesterday that the Austrian "Nobody can rewrite history. government had "not done enough and sometimes not the right thing" in relation to the delay experienced by victims of the Holocaust.

The Austrian government had finally acted "as an acknowledgement of moral re-sponsibility", but had been slowed by the complications involved in restitution such as cases where 18 people staked a



The Swiss government yesterday bowed to international pressure and announced plans to lift the secrecy surrounding its banking business to help the search for Nazi gold.

Admitting that allegations that Switzerland has hoarded property stolen by the Nazis had seriously damaged his country's reputation, Flavio Cotti, Foreign Minister, said the draft degree intended to feed the investigation had been approved in all respects. But to the disappointment of Holocaust survivors, he appeared to back down from a thorough examination of what happened dur-ing and after the war by stressing that an agreement in 1946 had settled the issue of

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"Switzerland is prepared to investigate this chapter of its more recent history once again, although the Swiss authorities previously looked closely into both of the question of the assets of Nazi victims as well as property from the former Nazi Germany," Mr Cotti said. Claiming that the British me-

dia was conducting a campaign against Swiss banks and Switzerland itself, Mr Cotti went on: "The Federal Councils take these extremely grave ac-

"Switzerland is accused by the

stolen property of the Nazi reich. We are asked to prove our innocence or to admit our moral guilt, which to some is al-ready established in any event. There is no doubt that these ac-cusations have seriously damaged Switzerland's reputation. It is therefore all the more important to undertake the investigation of Switzerland's relationship as a financial centre with the former Nazi Germany speedily."

The decree suspending Swiss bankings' traditional secrecy will have to be confirmed by the Swiss parliament. Banking inspectors will then be given power to examine all the relevant

A delegation of Holocaust survivors accompanied Greville Janner MP, vice-president of the World Jewish Congress and chairman of the Holocaust Educational Trust, when he met the Swiss charge de affaires,

Robert Reich, yesterday.

After a lengthy meeting, Mr
Janner described the Swiss announcement as "most important", though some of those with him had reservations. Araeh Handler, 81, who

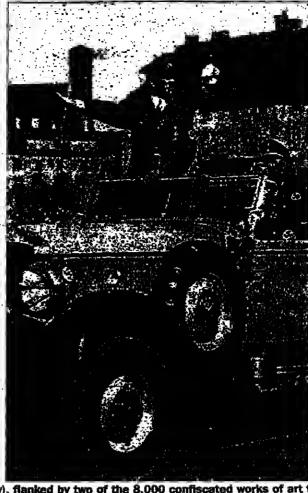
helped bring 10,000 Jewish chil-dren out of Germany in the

Kindertransport programme, said he hoped the Swiss would now find a way to apply these funds to the "right purposes". But Martin and Ester Freidman, 72, who lost their families in the concentration camps, said they feared all the survivors would be dead before the money stored away could be of benefit to them. "They are dragging it out now until

we're old and dead," Mr

Freidman said.







Spolls of war: Adolf Hitler in Vienna (Photograph: Wiener Library), flanked by two of the 8,000 confiscated works of art to be sold at Christie's on behalf of Jewish communities

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Inspectors allow bad teachers to survive

Inspectors are failing to implement new Government rules which aim to identify the worst teachers, headteachers com-

Since April inspectors have been required to grade teachers from one (best) to seven (worst) and to report those giveo the two bottom grades to the head.

Peter Miller, new president of the Secondary Heads Associatioo, said inspectors appeared reluctant to give teachers grade six and seven.

"We are seeing a lot of teachers graded five." he said. "Quite possibly one of the reasons we are seeing a lot of grade fives is that inspectors are choosing to avoid the hassle, which is quite understandable."

If inspectors wished to give teachers the worst grades, they had to watch extra lessons and tension increased during the inspection, he added.

Mr Miller said heads knew

who the bad teachers were and were undermined if inspectors failed to back them up in their efforts to deal with them. "If a head is trying to help a

colleague who is clearly struggling, or even taking disciplinary measures, and that teacher is not given a bad grade, the head is undermined. Inspectors also seemed un-

willing to name the best teachers, perhaps because they feared it would increase jealousy in the staffroom, he said. Mr Miller, deputy head of Wrenn School, Wellingborough, Northamptonshire, said the

new rules were misguided and would do more harm than good. This is a distortion of the in-

spection process." Chris Woodhead, the Chief Inspector of Schools, has said that 15,000 teachers are not up to the joh.

A spokesman for the Office for Standards in Education (Ofsted) which Mr Woodhead heads said it was too early to decide yet whether the new system was working. "It goes without saying that we expect regis-tered inspectors to use the full range of the marking scheme and we take a dim view of teams who are failing to do so.

"Good teachers deserve to be identified and headteachers are entitled to the valuable management information which we said the system would yield. If it is not yielding that information, it is not doing the job it was intended to do."

Gillian Shephard, Secretary of State for Education, announced yesterday she was ac-cepting recommendations from Ofsted that most schools should be inspected once every six years instead of every four years as at present. Weaker schools will be visited more often. ■ Four teachers' unions yes-

terday called for a pay rise above inflation and average earnings and for a legal limit on class sizes. The four unions say in their submission to the School Teachers' Review Body that they want a "substantial" increase. Inflatioo is running at 3 per cent and average earnings are expected to be up by 4.6 per cent by March next year.

The unions want a class size limit of 30 with lower limits for mixed age, reception and practical classes. More than a millioo primary school children are in classes of more than 30. The Association of Teachers

and Lecturers, National Association of Schoolmasters Unioo of Women Teachers, National Unioo of Teachers and Professional Association of Teachers, say that, outside teaching starting salaries for graduates have risen to £15,000 while for teachers the figures are £13,866 for good honours graduates and £12,342 for others.



Sea monster arises from the ruins

STEPHEN GOODWIN

The sea monster in Britain's biggest fountain should soon feel more at home as a £1.5m restoratioo project gets under-way at Witley Court, near

Jets of water 100ft high used to play over the great stone fountain which depicts Perseus rescuing Andromeda from the depredations of the mythological monster. But over the decades since

the Witley Court mansion was devastated by fire in 1937 some said the pyrotechnic work of the butler - the Victorian garden has lost much of its glory and the fountains have dried up.

This afternoon, Sir Jocelyn Stevens, chairman of English Heritage which manages the property, will amounce a £1.5m project to turn the clock hack in the gardens by end of the millennium. The house itself will remain a romantic, if cared



Former glory: Display in better times Photograph: Poseidon Fountain Restoration Society box hedges, immaculate lawns

Witley Court was converted in the 19th century from a Jacobean manor house into a vast a Italian-baroque palace for the 1st Earl of Dudley. The equally elaborate gardens were the inspiration of the land-

scape architect William Nesfield who referred to it as his "monster work".

Created between 1854 and 1860, it was one of the most spectacular country house gardens in the land with clipped

and colossal fountains. But the Dudley fortunes declined and at the time of the fire "the Court" was owned by Sir Herbert Smith, a Kidderminster carpet manufacturer. During

the 1950s and 60s, the house was stripped of all saleable material and came close to demolition. Guardianship passed to the Department of the Environment in 1972 and then, in 1984, to English Heritage, which has made the ruio safe and re-

stored decorative stonework. The Poseidon fountain, as it is known, though the god of the sea is only represented by his monster, is reputed to be the biggest in Europe. It has 140 jets, the most powerful of which spouts from the mouth of the

An observer writing in 1873 described the water rising to a height of 120 feet. This has not been matched since the fire. Some £120,000 will be spent on new pipes, a pumping system, and repairing stonework. A similar sum will be spent on a smaller fountain featuring the goddess Flora.

The ornamental gardens will be reinstated and urns planted

Mothers forced to undergo surgery

PATRICIA WYNN DAVIES Legal Affairs Editor

A woman has no right to take her and her unborn child to destruction by refusing permission for her doctor to perform a cae sarean operation.

That is the effect of a series of High Court rulings allowing the procedure to be carried out against a mother's will and showing the extent to which judges are oow prepared to authorise non-consensual surgery in life or death cases.

The two most recent rulings, in July, have prompted a senior barrister to raise what she views as the unwarranted imposition of caesareans - which carry their own risks - on unrepresented mothers. Her protests will come at a childcare conference on Saturday convened by Positive Care in Obstetrics and Gynaecology, the feminist women's professional group. In ooe of the July cases, a

woman known as W, who had a psychiatric history, repeatedly denied she was pregnant on arrival in labour at a Norwich hospital. She had already had three caesareans and her obstetri-cian feared that if labour continued her old scars would open,

endangering ber and the foetus.
In the second case on the same day in Rochdale, C's doctor believed her uterus was rupturing and that she and the baby would die. C. who had had a caesarean before but who eventually consected just prior to the issue of a court order, had insisted she would rather die than submit to another. Both women and their bahies survived.

Barbara Hewson, vice-president of Association of Women Barristers, who will address the meeting, said. Parliament has never authorised the forced detention of pregnant women for caesareans, nor... deemed that women in labour should be treated as incompetent."

Bertie Leigh, who acted for Rochdale Healthcare Trust in C's case and whose firm Hempsons has set up a hotline to help other health authorities and trusts, said that in the rare cases where a woman's womh was at risk of rupturing, "doctors are characteristically appalled and do not know what to do."

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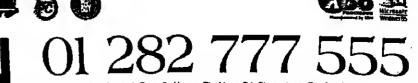
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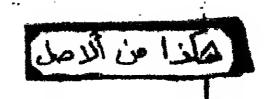
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Things you never

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Author of Lord Jim set for the Jane Austen treatment as film makers rediscover his works

Classic Conrad goes to the movies

DAVID LISTER

Joseph Conrad has been "discovered" by film makers and is set to follow Jane Austen as the next classic literary figure to be translated to the screen.

The contrast between Austen's comedies of manners and Conrad's stories of elemental passion is a stark ooe, but he remains one of the bestselling classic authors. A recent survey showed him selling 2,000 books a month, more than EM Forster and Anthony Trollope and not far behind Charlotte Bronte and George Eliot.

Having all but exhausted Austen's ocuvre, British film producers have proved quick to beat Hollywood in moving on to Conrad. His screen history so far has been variable. The 1965 version of Lord Jim with Peter O'Toole was a critical failure; Nic Roeg's cable television movie of Heart Of Darkness with John Malkovich last year also failed to make waves, although an earlier adaptation brought forward to the Vietnam War had huge success as Apocalypse Now. The British film director David Lean and scriptwriter Robert Bolt wanted to collaborate on a film of Nostromo. Neither lived to fulfill the ambition.

But film makers are determined to persevere. Audiences are about to see three of Coorad's tales in cinemas over the next few months, and a fourpart serial on the BBC.

Coming to the big screen are The Secret Agent starring Bob Hoskins and directed by Christopher Hampton, Victory starring William Dafoe and directed by Mark Peoloe, and Amy Foster with Ian McKellen and Kathy Bates and directed by Beeban Kidron. The Secret Agent, produced by Norma Heyman, is financed by Twentieth Century Fox but made with a British creative team and is classed as a British film. Victory is produced by Jeremy Thomas at Recorded Pictures, while Amy Faster is the debut feature of Tapson Steel Films.

In addition, the BBC in coproductioo with European broadcasters has Nostromo with an all-star cast including Albert Finney, Claudia Cardinale and Colin Firth - who famously played Mr Darcy in the BBC version of Austen's Pride And Prejudice. Nastromo is scheduled to come on screen oext January. Although there are elements

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Epic storyteller: Joseph Conrad in 1923. Below, Rita Hayworth and Anthony Quinn in The Rover Photograph: Corbis



in Conrad which make him suited to screen adaptations, his style and subject matter also pose problems. Simon Perry, chief executive of British Screen which has helped to fund both Victory and Amy Foster, is aware of this, "Conrad is very, very dif-

ficult for the screen because so much of his work is internal to the character and so little of it is external," he said. "So much of the strength of Conrad is characters' inner voices. The work is cerebral and internal and only some of that survives

on screen. But some do work.
Victory is an intimate epic. It is
a love story as is Amy Foster."
Amy Foster, which describes
the powerful romance between
a servant girl and her immigrant

lover, is currently being shot in Cornwall. Speaking on location from the top of a cliff yesterday, producer Charles Steel said: Amy Foster is only a 30-page povella, but it has passion and epic emotion. And the nassion between the characters is mirrored in the landscape, the huge storms in nature. This visual connection in Conrad is very appealing to film makers, the element of man against nature."

The film has attracted ocarly £2m of National Lottery finance, the biggest grant yet from lottery cash for a film. Leading article, page 11

Exile, a seafaring apprenticeship and gun running

Joseph Conrad spent the first half of his 67-year life acquiring the raw material for the books that filled the remainder. He was born in 1857 in the Polish Ukraine, then under Russian rule. His parents were both of landed-gentry stock, his father Apollo a literary figure and a passionate patriot who was banished with his family to the Urals for insurrectionist behaviour. His eg of 118 when he v eight, his father retreated into a

lowed back to Poland, died when Conrad was 11. The boy went to sea at 16 and spent his teenage years working on ships from Marseilles and smuggling guns into Spain. He came to England in 1878, sailed a coaster between Lowestoft and Newcastle, warmed to the place and joined the British Merchant Navy where he worked for 16 years, sailing to Australia, South America, Africa, the Far East and the Mediterranean and learning to soeak English (though he never became fluent). In 1886, he

became a ships' master,

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changed his name and acquired British citizenship. His seafaring ambitions had been fuelled on the maritime stories of Victor Hugo and Captain Marryat; now he was to join their company. Conrad's own (slightly disingeouous) reminiscence is that, while he was waiting on shore in 1889 to take on a new ship, the breakfast table was cleared earlier than usual one morning and he started writing what became Al-

John Walsh, Literary Editor,

explores the influence of the author's early life

perieoces in the Malayan archipelago. It was only finished and published years later, in 1895, neys via the Congo. Thereafter he lived in Loodon, married a typist and had two children.

His novels are epic adventure stories, underpinned by profound considerations of moral choices - like the single moment of cowardice in Lord Jim, wheo Jim abandons the Paina to its fate and later becomes a wandering would-be saint to expiate his guilt - or by notations of how faith, duty and goodness are inevitably corrupted by the darker tendencies of mankind.

"Those who read me," he wrote in A Personal Record, "know my conviction that the world, the temporal world, rests on a few, very simple ideas, so simple they must be as old as the hills. It rests notably ... on the

idea of Fidelity". When belief and idealism fail, he believed, the result was as disastrous for the individual as for the whole social fabric and you get the tribal extravawhere a progressive and formerly humane station manager called Kurtz becomes

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Ailing: Pope John Paul II

Vatican dissembles over gravity of the Pope's illness

ANDREW GUMBEL

But the nature of what ails him is far from clear. Is it Parkinson's disease, an ob-struction of the bowel, or bone Pope John Paul is sick, that much is certain. Even the Vatcancer? The rumours have been ican has been forced to admit. flying for mouths now, fuelled in part by the intransigence of Vatican officialdom, which unas much, after months of prevarication and hollow assurances. With every public appearance, the 76-year-old pontiff looks weaker, his sagging frame barely able to support the weight of his papal robes, his hands shaking his hreath bare-

til a few days ago was still insisting that nothing was wrong. So poorly has the issue been handled that the Church now finds itself in the uncomfortable position of having all its proly long enough to read out his nouncements on the subject

routinely disbelieved.

Over the weekend, a few an operation to treat it would days ahead of the Pope's latest not normally he deferred. The foreign trip, to France, a new announcement sought to shed new light on this darkest of corners in Catholic public relations. All the Pope's health problems, ran a communique from his doctors, were the result of an inflamed appendix which would be removed some time

before the end of this year. Reaction to this news has been as sceptical as ever. Appendicitis does not begin to explain his many symptoms, and

only concrete part of the communiqué is that the Pope will go under the surgeon's knife for the sixth time in 15 years, and that sounds distinctly ominous for a man in his condition.

"Maybe he'll soldier on and see in the new millennium as he hopes, but the atmosphere in Vatican is unmistakably one of fin de regne," one Mon-signor told the Rome newspaper La Repubblica last week. In the absence of reliable bul-

disease would explain the shaky hands, slightly slurred speech and repealed falls that have caused fractures to the Pope's shoulder blade and hip. And it eems reasonable to suppose some kind of abdominal trouble The Pope had nearly a yard of intestine removed following the shooting in St Peter's Squarethar nearly killed him in 1981; and in 1992 surgeons removed a thenour the size of an orange from his bowel.

sudden attack of nausea. In August, another bout of abdominal pain prompted an emergency CAT scan.

What does all this mean? Ten days ago, the Vaticao's spokesman, Joaquin Navarro Valls, referred to two "mystery bacteria" that doctors were trying to identify; now the talk is of appendicitis. Such official squirming is not a pretty sight. and does little hosour to a

Pope who, despite his trou-bles, still maintains a packed schedule of meetings and foreign trips - one to France this week and three more planned Exclu

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Calcutta (Reuter) - Mother Teresa was rushed to hospital yesterday after suffering a fall at her Missionaries of Charity religious order in Calcutta and hurting her head, hospital officials and an aide said. She was taken to the intensive care cardiac unit at the Woodland Nursing Home, in Calcutta.

Bosnia elections: Errors and intimidation

Monitors call polls valid but carried out in 'hostile climate'

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As the first results from Bosnia's imperfect elections were flashed onto television screens at the \$1.2m (£780,000) media centre in Sarajevo, Ed van Thijn, head of the election monitoring mission, announced that his team would recommend the polls he accepted as valid - if the ruling Serb Democratic Party renounced its

separatist dream. In an unusual election report, Mr van Thiin praised the technical operations on polling day but denounced the hostile political climate in which the vote

"In my opinion the elections were technically well prepared and carried out successfully under difficult circumstances, he said. "However, the general climate in which the elections took place was in some places below the minimum commitments" required by the organisers, the Organisation for Security and Co-operation in Europe (OSCE).

The monitors' report included examples of electoral irregularities, such as "family voting"—one person casting sev-eral ballots on behalf of the household - and some intimidation of voters.

But the biggest problems, affecting thousands of voters, were errors in the electoral register, which meant that many people were not allowed to

Most concern was expressed at the restrictions on freedom of the media, of movement and of expression in the run-up to the election, and Serb campaigning against the desire expressed in the Dayton agreemeet for a united Bosnia

As a result, Mr van Thijn set as his condition for validating the elections a request that the ruling Serb party should agree in writing to change its constition and the platform of independence from Bosnia.

This sits somewhat at odds the 109 municipalities, the with early statements from the Serb-held half of the country, where the leadership openly campaigned for partition: First signs are that the Serbs overwhelmingly voted for Republika Srpska," Velibor Ostojic, deputy premier, said on

Keeping watch: An OSCE

observer monitors the

count in the Serb town of

single issue on which it won the

some observers as the strongest

critical statement Mr van Thi-

jo fett able to make, given that the West is unwilling to see the

leave Bosnia.

The request was seen by

Photograph: Reuters

roat vote. As one observer noted, the Mr van Thijn is therefore askelections were seen by many as ing the party to renounce the a continuation of the war by other means, the climate exploited by the three ruling na-

tionalist parties. The International Crisis Group, whose monitors worked under Mr van Thijn, issued a statement arguing that against a background of "adverse conditions, electoral engineering and disenfranchisement, these elections cannot be described as free, fair or democratic".

three nationalist leaders were

well ahead - as expected, Al-

ija Izetbegovic of the SDA

had won 82 per cent of the Muslim vote, Momcilo Krajis-

nik (SDS) 85 per cent of the Serb vote, and Kresimir Zubak

(HDZ) 90 per ceut of the

To some exteot, Mr van Thiin agreed when asked to comment on the statement. "I didn't say that they were free and fair,'

One Western diplomat commented: That was a

Mr van Thijn denied this interpretation. "Before certifying the elections we knew that the conditions [in which to hold a fair vote] were absent, but the pragmatic decision was that having an imperfect election was better than having no election because that would be the end of the Dayton agreement," he

As it is, the international community now has its work cut out to try to push the peace process forward. A first step will be hringing the three new presidents to New York for the United Nations General As-

Diplomats hope that in-ternational flattery, followed by Dayton peace process falter three months before Nato's hard cash, will persuade the new leaders - particularly the peace furce is scheduled to Serb and Croat members that their future lies in a unit-With results for the threeman presidency in from 22 of cd Bosnia.



Up and away: The space shuttle Atlantis lifts off at the Kennedy Space Centre, Cape Canaveral, Florida, yesterday. The six astronauts on board are to dock the shuttle with the Russian Mir space station and bring Photograph Pouter Photograph: Reuters I thugs is unjustified.

Migrant accused of hostel death fire

IMRE KARACS

A 21-year-old Lebanese man went on trial yesterday in the Baltic city of Lubeck accused of starting the hlaze that killed 10 people and injured 38 others in a refugee hostel eight months ago. What seemed at the time as the most horrendous neo-Nazi attack since the war is now officially regarded as an act of petty vengeance, with une of the victims hranded as the perpetrator. Safwan Eid, the sole defen-

dant, is accused of setting fire to his neighbours on the first floor of the hostet. The evidence rests almost exclusively on three words he is alleged to have uttered in broken German during the rescue on the night of 18 January: "It was us."

The fireman whu heard him thought very little of the incident, until he told the story later to his colleagues, who urged him to go to the police. Detectives had been interviewing four neo-Nazi sympathisers seen running away from the burning house. Several had singed hair, but police could find no evidence against them. Fur lack of a better lead the

four youths were released, and Mr Eid arrested. Throughout his incarceration, he has protested his innocence, but his only alibi are members of his own family. Mr Eid's father says he heard a noise that night and looked out the window, and spotted the flames climbing from the entrance lobby on

the ground floor. The other families touched by the fire also helieve Mr Eid is innocent. Immigrant groups staged demonstrations in Hamburg and Lübeck yesterday with the slugar Free. Prominent liberals have set up committees in his defence, and and-racist groups are screaming

about a cover-up.

The interpretation of events in Lübeck eight months ago has become a battle-ground for left and right. In the immediate aftermath of the tragedy, Germany was swept with indignation. Politicians on the left, including Lübeck's mayor, Michael Boutellier, urged tough action against right-wing extremists and protection for immigrants. He had even called for a civil disobedience campaign to halt deportations. The stakes in the trial are high.

Either Germany is a country in which foreigners must fear for their lives, or, its image abroad as the home of rampant Nazi

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China's leaders-in-waiting vie for the world's approval they have no legal redress against corrupt officials.

Peking — In the opaque world of Chinese domestic politics, factional jockeying oormally takes place behind closed doors. So it has come as a surprise this month that two of China's senior leaders are presenting very different visions of the country's progress, especially as they bave aired their views in advance of the annual Communist Party plenum next week. That meeting will address China's present challenges with a political campaign for "spiritual civilisation".

The twu players in this theatre are President Jiang Zemin and Qiao Shi, chairman of China's National People's Congress (NPC) and the third most powerful figure in the leadership. Yesterday, as they hoth look centre-stage in the Great Hall of the People to launch the 96th gathering of the global Inter-Parliamentary Union (IPU), local diplomats were on the alert for evidence of friction between them.

The present saga started just under two weeks ago when Mr Qiao gave a lare interview to a foreign newspaper. Asked if there were some "leftists" who wanted to reverse the reforms, he told the German paper Handelshlatt: "Deng Xiaoping cor-rectly stated we are influenced by rightist factors, but even

Reform vs stability - Peking faces a plaints, including the fact that stark choice, writes Teresa Poole

more deeply rooted leftist fac-tors. China should beware of the rightist factors, but under all circumstances prevent the testist factors." He admitted that there were often "clashes" between leaders when new laws were under discussion in the NPC. Mr Qiao is seen as one of China's reformers, despite being a

former head of party discipline. He again stressed that the role of the unelected NPC, which in practice functions as a rubber stamp, was to evolve into a body to promote the rule of law. A more powerful NPC would also provide a useful base for Mr Qiao in the event of leadership realignments following the death of 92-year-old Mr Deng. We must institutionalise our democracy and anchur it in law. We must make sure that the system and laws will not change because of a leadership change or because of changing opinions and changing interests of leading personalities," Mr Qiao told

the newspaper. For China-watchers, this was a clear assault oo Mr Jung's presumed plan to restructure the party and to recreate the

post of Chairman - for himsel It is widely reported that there would also be two position would also be two positions of party vice-chairmen, one for the retiring Prime Minister Li Peng, and the other for Mr Oiao. Such very high-levi positions must be decided in the autumn of 1997 at a ful party congress, an event here unly once every five years. This congress is crucial because will set in place a leadership cam for the post-Deng era, a time when Mr Oiao is expected to be an important power-booker.

such as state enterprises. Yesterday, two very different styles of politician again emimportant power-boker.

While Mr Qiao's aterview received scant attention in the Chinese press, a law days later Mr Jiang himselfield forth to the French newspiper Le Figuri in a sel-piece which was plastered all over the official media.

"I can make it gear to all people who are following developimportant power-backer. erged. Mr Oiao told the IPU that the NPC had "improved and strengthened the supervision" over China's administrative and judicial urgans. Running the country "under the rule of law" would ensure the success of China's reforms. "I can make it dear to all peo-ple who are fortowing develop-ments in Chiefa that China is stable now add will certainly maintain a long-term stability." he said. There were "no riots in China's rural areas in the past and there will be no riots in the future", heladded. In fact, peas-ant and worker unrest is on the

Mr Jiang meanwhile was on the nationalist bandwagon, attacking "hegemonism and power polities" in the world. The best he could offer the world's parliamentarians was a pronouncement that "the socialist democratic political system . . . ant and worker unrest is on the will demonstrate increasingly rise throughout China as peo- greater vitality".

Mr Jiang, as the heir apparent to Mr Deng, is staking his

political future on a campaign for stability, even if this means appeasing "leftists". Thus, his

rallying call has been to "talk

more about politics" and to

launch an old-style campaign for

"spiritual civilisation", a blend

uf nationalist, anti-Western and

family-values propaganda. In

contrast, Mr Qiau has stressed

the need to push ahead with re-

forms, even on difficult issues

Rabbis tackle air hostesses

"Smoking or no-smoking, sir? Modest or immodest?" Booking an airline ticket to or from Israel may become a comptex business if a group of ultra-Orthodox rabbis gets its way. The rabbis petitioned airlines

in Israel yesterday to provide "modest" flights for religious Jews in which no movies would be shown and only male flight attendants would serve male The demand, published in several religious newspapers,

may deepen tensions between secular and religious Israelis, which have already produced pitched battles in the streets of Jerusalem this year. The rabble, including the

former chief Sephardic Rabbi Ovadia Yosef. warned that ultra-religioos Jews would boycott air travel unless their demands were met.

They complained that inflight movies displayed "immodest images . . . in the face of a holy nation . . . This is a holy and sensitive call on airlines to arrange a possibility nf flying on their planes without breaking modesty or holioess."

Under ultra-orthodox readings of Jewish law, it is

ness of others. It is also forhidden for men to be served by women uther than their wives or daughters. The rabbis said that they would rule in the future which airlines, if any, were modest enough to accommodate their followers

The Israeli airline El Al already provides kosher meals and does not fly on the Sabbath. Its spokesman, Nachman Klieman, said that the company



El Al: Screens with a switch made every effort to meet the

requirements of the strictest interpretations of Jewish law. "When very well known rabbis fly with us, they are served only by male stewards," Mr.

He said the airline had no Intention of banning all movies hat he pointed out that advances in technology may soon solve the problem. On the new 747-100s, each passenger has a screen above the seat, which could be switched on or off.

Exclusive: United Nations chief determined to stand for re-election in face of hostility from US

Boutros-Ghali the protector promises fight to bitter end

New York — Casting himself as the indispensable protector of an institution bled of funding and credibility by its own member states, Boutros Boutros-Ghali said he intends to fight to the bitter end for a second term as the Secretary General of the United Nations.

Migrant

accused of hostel death fire

Speaking to The Independeni on the eve of the 51st UN General Assembly, opening in New York today, Mr Boutros-Ghali lamented what he calls the "neo-provincialism" grip-

ping many world governments. He made plain, for the first time, his intention to defy efforts by America 10 dirch him when his term expires in December, setting the stage for a bloody and drawn-out battle both within the General Assembly and the Security Council. It is a struggle that, in the view even of many of his friends, risks further enfeebling the UN when it can least afford it.

Appearing vigorous and animated in spite of his 73 years, Mr Boutros-Gbali defended his record, citing his "successes", ranging from the establishment of peace in Salvador and Mozambique to the adoption of a zero-growth UN bud-get and the bolding of a series of world conferences on issues such as poverty and the eovironment. The debacles of the last five years, including the UN's aborted missioo in Bosnia, were ultimately the responsibility of member gov-ernments, he claimed.

Since the Clinton administration announced in June that it would veto a second Boutros-Ghali term, the former Egypt-

By David Usborne

He told The Independent, however, that be bridled at the suggestion that by not offering to stand down when his first term ends on 31 December he was risking further damage to the UN. "If I was convinced by this I would not hesitate to leave," he said.

On the contrary, I believe that my departure would create more problems for this institution. Because you need the con-tinuity at this particular period. We have begun a series of re-

'I believe my departure would create more problems for this institution

forms; it is important if not to achieve them completely - it is a continuous process - then to achieve at least a certain amount of them."

He also rejected the argumeot that after five difficult years, at the end of which the UN finds itself effectively bankrupt with \$2.9bn owed to it by delinquent member states (the US alone owes \$1.6bn), the organisation would benefit from

a fresh face at the top.
"I don't believe that this is related to a face, a oew face or an ian foreign minister has old face," he said. The crisis began 20 years ago. And the cri-

sition period in which we are living than with the face of the Secretary General."

Mr Boutros-Ghali, who throughout the interview in his 38th-floor sanctum atop the UN headquarters fiddled with a piece of tissue paper, rehearsed at length a theory that the world powers are struggling to cope simultaneously with establishing a new post-Cold War international order and adjusting to the new era of in-stant global information. In these circumstances, he said, governments have yet to define fully what the UN's new role

He noted that a summit-level meeting of the Security Council convened by John Major, the British Prime Minister, in February 1992 coincided with a time of unprecedented confidence in the UN. "This organisation was at a peak and everyone was looking at the UN - the pendulum was extremely on one side. Now the pendulum is on the other side. This just proves that the international community don't know exactly what they want."

At the same time, he suggested many governments have taken their eye off world affairs. "You find this new-provincial-ism, neo-isolation. The great majority of the member states are oot interested in international affairs. This is the real problem we face."

He acknowledged, however, that the member states were simultaneously battering the UN and its credibility by repeatedly using it as a scapegoat when international peace efforts go awry. Who is damaging the



UN?" he asked. "The member states. I am doing my best to de-fend the organisation, to explain how damaging it is for the or-ganisation (to be made into a

Mr Boutros-Ghali rejected accusations that he has not been strong enough in standing up for the UN when it has been given jobs beyond its capabili-

ty by the Security Council. "On the contrary, that is why I have so many problems oow, because I have been too ... independent." He insisted that ultimately be is the servant of the Security Council. "I have been firm very often, but once a decision is taken you have to carry it out. The UN has no

UN has no infrastructure. We are borrowing everything from the member states so it would be useless to say no or not to obtain the agreement of the member states. The UN floundered in

Bosnia, he asserted, because it was asked to defend safe havens without the 34,000-strong force army, the UN has no money, the that he requested. (Eventually

the UN force numbered just over 7,000). "The mistake was not only the number was oot corresponding to the number we demanded, but that it took two years to get up to this oumber, and the soldiers came with very light armaments. It was a mistake ... of the interoational community."

Mr Boutros-Ghali flatly re- to continue the reform."

Mysteries of Article 97

Criticised as byzantine and undemocratic in its secrecy, the procedure for choosing a United Nations Secretary General is an exercise in horse-trading at the highest levels of world diplomacy. Only the election of the Pope equals it

in mystery.
What is meant to happen is laid out briefly in Article 97 of the UN Charter. It says that the Gener-al Assembly will approve the appointment of a Secretary-General for a renew able five-year term. A single candidate must be recommended to the Assembly beforehand by the Security Council.

Boutros-Ghali's first term expires on 31 Decem ber. Thus the Council must soon debate the identity of the next Secretary General. Eventually, it will have to vote on whom to put for-ward to the Assembly.

Only the United States, Russia, China, France and Britain can exercise a veto. No candidate can survive the selection process if vetoed. Thus if the US blocks Mr Boutros-Ghali, his prospects must be bleak. (He would be the first Secretary-General not given a chance at a second term). . ;

So far, there is only one other declared candidate: Hamid Algabid of Niger, a former head of the Organisation of Islamic Conferences (IOC). Other names mentioned have included: Leticia Shahani, the Presi dent of the Senate of the dent of the Senate of the
Philippines, Gre Harlem
Bruntland, Norway's
Prime Minister, Mary
Robinson, President of Ireland, Sadako Ogafa; the
UN High Commissioner
for Refugees and Kofi Annan, a Ghanaian UN
page technique official. peacekeeping official.

fused to address, specifically, the prospect that while the US remains opposed to him his chances of winning are, in effect, zero. Of the justness of his cause, he has oo doubts.

"I believe that we have to try to defend this organisation and cootain this terrible crisis. I want to be re-elected to be able



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Police have arrested the managing director of Italy's state railway system, Lorenzo Necci, in an investigation into suspected embezziement of railway funds, media reports quoting judicial sources said yesterday. Mr Necci, 55, has been overseeing a plan to launch a multi-billion dollar high-speed railway which, when it gets off the ground, is expected to be one of Europe's biggest construction pro-

Italian television and news agencies said Mr Necci had been arrested on Sunday on a warrant from magistrates in the north-west coastal town of La Spezia and was being held in jail there. News agencies said Mr Necci was being held on suspicion of offences which included crimmal association, corruption, abuse of office, money laundering, false accounting, fraud and embezzlement. Reader - Rome

The Gdansk Tax Office wants Poland's former president Lech Walesa to pay due taxes on \$1m, (£600,000) he received for the rights to a film about his life, according to newspaper reports. Mr Walesa has 30 days to pay up to 450,000 zlotys (£110,000) or appeal to a

court, according to the reports. Since his presidency ended on 22 December, Mr Walesa's bank accounts have been frozen by tax authorities investigating whether he owes taxes on \$1m he received from the Warner Bros movie studio in 1989. Mr Walesa said the decision was a part of political campaign and he did not inteod to pay any money. AP - Warsaw

omania and Hungary signed a key treaty to end Centuries-old disputes and boost the two ex-Communist countries' chances of joining Nato and the European Union. The prime ministers of Romania and Hungary, Nicolae Vacaroiu and Gyula Horn, signed the pact in the western city of Timisoara, in the presence of Romania's President Ion Iliescu. Reuter - Timisoara

Ashmiri militants attacked polling stations and pro-diesters mounted a state-wide strike as India's troubled Jammu and Kashmir state held the second phase of crucial local elections. Security officials reported at least five blasts, including two grenade attacks, in the separatist stronghold of Anantnag town, 35 miles south of Srinagar Three paramilitary troopers were wounded in one of the grenade attacks. The state is holding its first assembly elections since 1987. Reuter - Ananthag

The Swiss cabinet backed the slaughter of up to 230,000 cattle to eliminate the threat of mad cow disease. Switzerland trails only Britain in the number of cases of Bovine Spongiform Encephalopathy (BSE), or "mad cow disease", the disease scientists say may be linked to Creutzfeldt-Jakoh Disease in humans. Reuter - Berne

Constables died after running in a five mile crosscountry race in the midday heat, officials in the eastern state of Orissa said. About 450 youths were selected to take part in the gruelling race. The runners may have died from dehydration due to soaring temperatures and high humidity. Reuter - Ubaneswar

Australia's Anti-Slavery Society said there were up to 35,000 religious slaves in West Africa, with some girls as young as eight forced to perform sexual acts for holy men to appease traditional gods. The report said the girls were the modern version of religious slaves formerly offered as human sacrifices. It estimated there were 29,00 to 35,000 fetish slaves in the region. Reuter - Sydney

Kurds' peace and unity takes Saddam by surprise



Jalai Talabani (gesturing), head of the PUK, addresses Kurd refugees in northern iraqi Kurdistan, near the Iranian border Rout of PUK: 'They were defeated in their hearts, in their souls'

PATRICK COCKBURN Arbil, northern Iraq

"I was surprised, Everybody was surprised," says Massoud Barzani, the Kurdish leader, when asked about the speed of his victory over the rival Pa-triotic Union of Kurdistan. Quite suddenly the Kurdish civil war is over and Iraqi Kurdistan is united under one Kurdish party for the first time in history.

It is not an outcome anybody expected, least of all Saddam Hussein, the Iraqi leader, who prohably calculated that hy. sending his tanks into Arbil, the Kurdish capital, two weeks ago, he would save Mr Barzani from defeat and keep the civil war go-ing. This would have enabled him to be the ultimate power broker in Kurdistan, gradually increasing his influence by playing the two Kurdish parties against each other.

The most important change in the political map of Iraq and Kurdistan since the start of the

month is that, to the surprise of Independent in an interview, his forces lost 150 dead and 500 wounded in the war.

all, this did not happen. There is now only one Kurdish leader and party left. Driving through Kurdish village there is scarcely a tumble-down but which has oot sprouted the yellow flag of the victorious Kurdistan Democratic Party KDP. Equally telling, the price of a Kalash-nikov machine gun in the market has more than halved to between 300 and 400 Iraqi dinars (£8 to £10) since the beginning of the month as thousands of PUK militiamen

Even after the fall of Arbil on on 31 August, there was no reason why Jalalnal Talabani's PUK forces, still holding the city of Sulaimaniyah and many other towns and villages, should not have fought on. They held positions from which they could have held us off by throwing rocks," said one KDF member. Overall, Mr Barzani, told The

try to get rid of their weapons.

.. The main reason for the rout was that the PUK, desperate for the West to help it with air power after the loss of Arbil, annonnced on its radio and television that the Iraqi army was pouring into Kurdistan. Such is the terror of Saddam Hussein's name among Kurds, that, as in 1991, they broke and fled. Mukhtar, a KDP a pesh merga (soldier), who fought at Degala, where the PUK failed to blow up a strategic hridge on the road from Arhil to Su-laimaniyah, said; "They were defeated in their hearts, in their souls. They were throwing away

their weapons." Not everybody is quite convinced that this will last. A foreign observer in Arbil, who has been in the country for the whole of the civil war, said: "Is it likely that the PUK and Tal-Kuwait to play host to additional US troops

abani, who have succeeded in Day after day, PUK members are giving up their weapons and fighting for many years, will give us just like that?" But most surrendering. I don't believe they will be able to send a Kurds, soldiers and civilians group over here for a year." alike, believe that a come-back by the defeated party will be

happens it will be because the Iranians are equipping them." The pesh merga close to the Iranian horder agree. At Khasre, a pretty village be-tween mountains, a local KDP leader called Zrar said his forces lost 23 dead failing to hold back the PUK supported by Iranian artillery fire last month. Their position became even more dire when one of

great. Of the chances of re-

newed warfare with the PUK.

Mr Barzani says: "If anything

their officers, changed sides with 100 men. Shaking his head in wonderment, Zrar said: "After the fall of Arbil we were able to take our positions driving our cars.

In the vast Kurdish mounvery difficult. War-weariness is

tains small groups of guerrillas can survive and fight, but to do so requires high morale and resolution. The word pesh marga means literally "those who face death", but the last month has shown that many recruits, paid 1,000 dinars (£22) a month, often six months in arrears, have no intention of getting killed for a warlord on the losing side.

This is not to say that all 3.5 likely to support him.

million Kurds, including KDP members, are not deeply shaken by Mr Barzani's alliance. however brief and tactical, with Saddam. But so long as Iraqi troops do not enter Kurdistan and Mr Barzani can provide peace and better living conditions, the majority of Kurds are

gered by Turkish dealings with

Israel. His worst miscalculation was over Iran, the first country

he visited as prime minister. At

the weekend, PKK attacks

launched from Iran left 13

has been confused by unpre-

dictable events. It is frustrated

the UN-monitored oil-for-food deal has not gone through. since it wants a restoration of

pipeline transit revenues and a

renewal of commerce with what

was its second most important

An ex-envoy, Sukru Elekdag.

said some aspects of the re-

alignment in north Iraq suited

Turkey, as it means restoration

of the territorial unity of Iraq and an end to any dreams of an

independent Kurdish state.

But it has not all been bad.

Like other countries, Turkey

Turkish soldiers dead.

tradiog partner.

Wooden flounders as Clinton races on

RUPERT CORNWELL Washington

Pity poor Bob Dole in his chase to recapture the White House for the Republicans this autumn. Both by the gods and by Bill Clinton, he is outmanoeu. vred at every turn.

He offers a risky 15-per-cent tax cut to revive a sinking economy. Except that the economy, little thanks to the White House, now is its strongest in decades. He planned to berate his opponent's failure to implement welfare reform - only to see Mr Clinton last month sign, and claim credit for, a largely Republican welfare hill.

Yesterday the pattern seemed to repeat itself. Thrning to crime and drugs in his search for an issue to reinvigorate his candidacy, Mr Dole delivered a major speech in Philadelphia in which he vowed to double federal spending on prison building stiffen sentences for violent criminals and force offenders to pay compensation to their victims.

Deftly, he linked a supposed

lack of "cbaracter" among the President and his circle of younger White House aides with the surge in teenage drug abuse since Mr Clinton came to power, lamhasting the "winkand-ood policies of this Administration, which he accused of operating a "liberal living laboratory of leniency.

Normally such rhetoricwould underline the Republicans' chosen image of tough on crime, law-and-order party, which served them so well through the 1970s and 1980s. No longer however. At the very moment Mr Dole was declaring war on the criminal classes in Philadelphia, Mr Clinton was 600 miles away in Cincinnati, collecting the coveted endorsement of ... the National Fraternal Order of Police.

Never has a Democrat won the backing of the country's largest police organisation. But crime is another issue Mr Clinton has stolen from his foes. The Republicans may huff and puff, his campaign insists, but their candidate has delivered, hy sponsoring laws banning various assault weapons and putting tens of thousands of new police officers on the streets. Both measures, notes the Clinton camp, were opposed by Mr

What is more, the White House can hrandish statistics showing that in most categories, with the glaring exception of drug use among the young, serious crime has begun to recede not least the murder rate in many hig cities, led by New York. And the public seems to he buying the argument.

Nothing more clearly bespeaks the current state of the electoral contest than the can-

While the Dole campaign is forced to waste its most precious resources - money and its candidate's time - in places like Virginia and Florida, normally blue-chip Republican strongholds but this year tossups, Mr Clinton has the luxury of carrying the battle into states where Democrats usually do not

have a prayer. Arizona, for instance, has voted Republican in every election since 1948, but Mr Clinton spent a day in the state last week, huoyed by polls showing he has a fighting chance of car-rying it in November. He is neck and neck with Mr Dole in Texas, and ahead in Indiana which last went Democrat in

Such are the local details of a national race in which Mr Clinton holds a lead of be-

2 lever

Washington (AP)—Kuwait has agreed to The S military united approximated in the allow additional American proops to be stationed on its territory, the White House said yesterday. A White House spokesman, Milke McCurry, declined to say have many troops would be sent to least the stationaut of "We can confirm that the superiment of Kuwait is to station our troops tiere;" he said. "I'm not discussing nomines." US finds little Gulf war fervour left in Turkey

HUGH POPE

There were gifts and fine words for William Perry, US Defense Secretary, here yesterday but a snub from Necmettin Erbakan, the new pro-Islamic Prime Minister, showed how confused the ister, showed now contasts at Middle East policy of Turkey. a Nato member, has become. Ankara was juggling several balls as Mr Perry breakfasted

with Tansu Ciller, the Foreign Minister, chatted with President Sulcyman Demirel and accepted a presentation plate from the chief of general staff. If a substantive proposal of

action against Iraq was canvassed during Mr Perry's meet-ings in Bahrain, Kuwait, Saudi Arabia, Turkey and Britain, it did not leak out in Ankara. Diplomats privately doubted there was one. Officials said he did not even raise the possibility of using In-cirlik airbase, southern Turkey,

for a strike on Iraq. Like Sau-di Arabia and Jordan, Turkey had made clear it would not offer its use during the first round of US cruise-missile attacks. There has been a big change

in Turkey's political climate since the enthusiastic support for US policy under the late president Turgut Ozal during the Gulf war. Asked for a morning meeting yesterday by the hard-pressed Mr Peny, Mr Er-bakan replied that he could not

Perry: Snubbed by the pro-Islamic Prime Minister day home until the afternoon. He has remained sileot on the crisis that has followed Baghdad's intervention on the side of the Kurdistan Democratic Party (KDP) in northern Iraq.

One reason is that Mr Erbalam has been consistently pro-iragi. Since coming to power in July, he has preferred to duck any issue that might bring him into conflict with the pro-US armed forces. Another reason for his reticence may be that he is embarrassed by setbacks to his vision of friendship with Turkey's Muslim neighbours. None of his overtures to Iraq, Iran, Libya or Syria has had the

effect he hoped for. Relations with Baghdad have improved hut the Iraqis reject-· ed proposals for a security zone in north Iraq to deter Turkish Kurd rebels of the Kurdistan bakan replied that be could not return from his weskend holi-

Turkey rejects human rights ruling

Ankara (Reuter) Ankara yes-terday rejected the European Court of Human Rights' con-demnation of Surkey for its army's tactics in the fight against Kurllish separatist

guerrillas. "Since the case was pro-ceeded with in Strasbourg without first exhibustion of domestic means and without application to the independent Turk-

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ish courts, it is difficult for us tn nnderstand," a Foreign Ministry spokesman, Omer Ak-bel, said. He said Turkey found the court was in error. In its first condemnation of Turkey, the court ruled that Turkey had vinlated the European Convention on Human Rights because its forces had destroyed Kelekci village in the south-east of the country in 1992 and 1993.







This billionaire could do democracy a favour

or Jimmy Goldsmith let us give thanks. His party, his network and his views are in a section. his views are in revolt; and in part, revolting. We would be mortified if he had a chance of winning power in the next election. But he has one big thing on his side: the central tenet of the Referendum Party, no matter how objectionable its real agenda may be, is correct. There should be a referendum before Britain embraces a single currency.

Ever since the billionaire set up his Euro-sceptic party, the Tory establishment has been seething. Goldsmith's views on Europe are not, for them, the problem; a large proportion of the cur-rent crop of Conservative MPs (and even more of the new candidates) agree with him that a federal European Union is the great threat of our times. No, Sir James's offence has been to operate loudly and effectively against the Tory party. Candidates are to be fielded against Europhile Conservatives, especially those with small majorities, threatening marginal seats and pressurising wavering Conservatives to move to the right. Until John Major intervened. Sir James was even providing Euro-sceptics in the Conservative party with funding to agitate against the leadership line. No wonder so many Tory MPs hate him.

So we have a curious phenomenon: a right-wing, protectionist plutocrat, reviled by our MPs, claiming to defend democracy against them.

Up to a point he is right. To the extent that Goldsmith is supporting a referendum of the people against the paternalism of the Conservative establishment, his is a worthwhile crusade. Many voters will sympathise with his populist demand that the people should make decisions over sovereignty, rather than "a bunch of clapped out politicians".

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Moreover, joining a single currency is exactly the kind of issue on which the public should be directly consulted. Whether we are excluded from the European economic mainstream while the French and Germans embrace currency union without us, or we give up control of monetary policy to a European central bank, the implications for our prosperity and our freedom to manoeuvre will be considerable. Either path will be fraught with risk, so our government needs to be backed by democratic consent before it sets out. But let us be honest about Mr Gold-

smith. His party is hardly the political wing of the Demos think-tank, campaigning to take democracy closer to the people. Catch Sir Jimmy campaigning for Scottish devolution, city mayors, or citizens' juries? Sadly not. The Referendum Party wants a referendum simply because members think that on this subject the British people will vote no. You can bet Goldsmith's party would be quick to change its name if the majority sentiment in the country started to swing in favour of the euro.



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The truth is that Sir James and his pals are not just anti-euro, they are antianything to do with the European Commission. Yesterday, Sir James claimed that the EC was spreading "propaganda to put people to sleep so that this nation ceases to be a nation". His manifesto includes demands for an emasculated EC and Court of Justice. Pailing this, Sir James thinks that Britain should withdraw from the EU altogether - a prospect which would be extremely damaging for British business and the British economy.

But Europe gets off lightly in Sir James's book compared with the rest of

the world. The one consistent theme in his statements and writings is his obsession with protectionism. Only barriers to free trade, according to Goldsmithspeak, can prevent us being overrum by the tiger economies. But while trade barriers might, at a push, protect a few of Sir James's billions, the limits on trade would hurt British consumers and make our businesses and workforce less competitive and prosperous in the long term.

Of course the Referendum Party will not win power in the next election. Sir James is not about to sweep into Number 10, change the curtains and wreak havoc with Britain's European rela-

tionships. But what he might do is push the Conservative party dangerously to the anti-European right.

On the way, however, he and his cronies could do us a small service. It is no accident that Sir James has chosen to stand against the deeply unpopular David Mellor. The former Heritage Secretary - he of toe-sucking fame, who left his wife for another set of toes entirely - cheerfully devotes his parliamentary time to money-making in broadcasting and mysterious consultancies. Paradoxically, Sir James's chal-lenge could cost Mellor his majority, and let the Labour candidate in instead.

But if we are lucky, Sir James and his party could prove the vehicle for a more important democratic change than ridding Westminster of a smug MP. Maybe the main parties will be shamed by Sir James into embracing referendums themselves. Conservatives, Labour and Liberal Democrats should recognise the value of direct questions to the public, especially on issues as important as Europe. In a mature democracy, voters should be given the opportunity to engage in the public debate and par-ticipate in decision-making.

As for those pro-Europeans who fear that the public will vote against either a single currency or even continued membership of the European Union; they should have more faith in their own persuasive powers and in voters ability to make wise judgements. Until

a referendum to gain legitimacy for a fiercely anti-European programme, whose elements and rhetoric border on xenophobia. Sir James may not be a reliable champion of democracy himself, but he may prove the vehicle for democratising our mainstream political parties.

Riches brought from afar

The new TV life of Cecil Rhodes which seems, amazingly, to be both politically correct in modern terms and respectful to the great imperialist – has the young diamond digger standing on a Kimberley hill exulting in his pride as an Englishman. Let those who care about this country look to a near contemporary of his for a better focus of national pride. That is Joseph Conrad, who has suddenly been discovered by film makers. That Polish Conrad - self-taught in English - could win fame and fortune as a novelist may say something about the adaptability of English. It certainly says something about the great gains that flow from open-hand-edness towards foreigners. Conrad may turn out to be a great screen writer. In the meantime he should certainly be required reading for home secretaries of all parties and nationalists of all hues.

- LETTERS TO THE EDITOR -

Don't ignore costs of a bigger Nato

Sir: Further to Tony Barber's and Christopber Bellamy's articles on Nato and European Union enlargement (13 September), the possible combined costs of the concurrent expansions of the EU and Nato for all those concernedexisting members and would-be members - are still unknown, and therefore undiscussed.

The US ambassador to Nato, Robert Hunter, did not deal with costs in his (generally upbeat) address on Nato enlargement at the Royal United Services Institute, to which your correspondents refer - though the matter was raised in discussion. But surely the costs of these expansions must now be central to our plans for each of them.

There are some US estimates for Nato enlargement - from the Rand Corporation (a Washington defence think-tank) and the US congressional Budget Office - but the British government, despite its usual concern for "value for

money", claims ignorance. Yet any enlargement of Nato will require parliamentary approval throughout the existing membership (including two-thirds approval in the US Senate) and certainly the immediate and longterm costs will figure importantly

With Nato, there are the still unresolved questions - siting nuclear weapons on East European members' soil, for instance: does the Non-Proliferation Treaty allow it? And about Article 5, which promises equality for all in what Tony Barber calls the "cast-iron security guarantee": how many more states can we sensibly offer this to, and how?

And what is to be Nato's relationship with the all-Europe organisation for co-operation and security in Europe (OSCE)to which, in some sort, Nato must be subordinated, despite the United States' "leadership" role in Nato and its only equal role in OSCE?

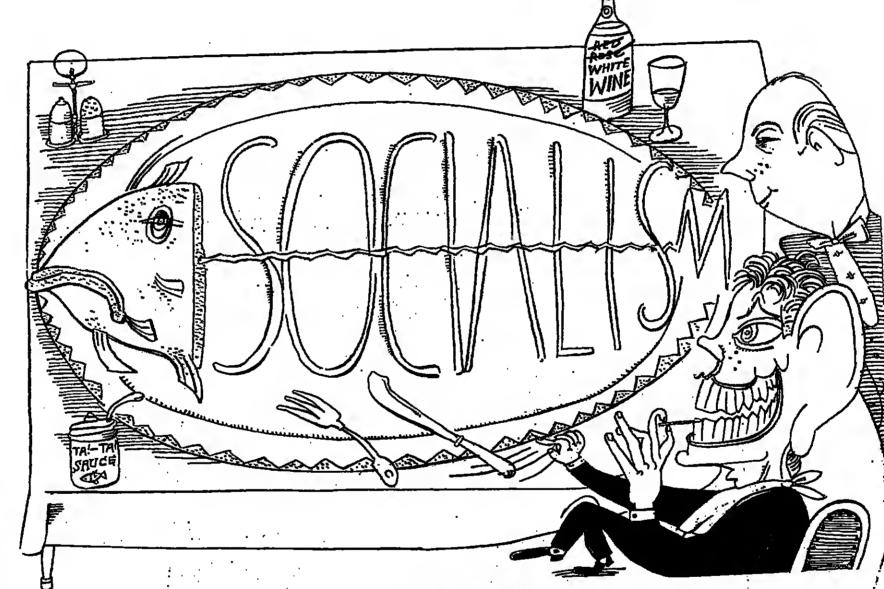
It is sometimes said that Nato and the EU, though both living in Brussels, are like "sbips that pass in the night". OSCE is another ship out there in the dark, and all this multilateral non-communication grows increasingly absurd, increasingly confusing, and probably increasingly expensive. ELIZABETH YOUNG London W2

The blame for gambling fever

Sir. The fact that an increase in gambling facilities inevitably leads to an increased incidence of disorder resulting from excessive gambling ("Britain's 1.5 million problem punters", 13 September) has been known for a long time. In a number of papers in the 1970s based oh clinical cases, I drew attention to this sequence of events.

The long-term results of the treatment of excessive gambling are not very encouraging. As in the case of alcohol, if one is to influence those who gamble excessively it is necessary for the whole population to shift to lower levels of participation, with a policy encouraging moderation.

In the present circumstances, where gambling is being actively encouraged, the offer of treatment can become a device whereby the authorities attempt to avoid responsibility for ensuring correct



Take it away waiter'

public policies. Ultimately, prevention is better than cure. DE MORAN

The National Council on Gambling London N14

Saddam's Iranian mercenaries

Sir: Hossein Mir Abedeni (letter, 7 September) denies that forces of the People's Mujahedin of Iran were involved in the recent fighting at Arbil and adds that "for years the Iranian Resistance has emphasised that in no way has it or will it ever get involved in Iraq's

internal affairs". The People's Mujahedin of Iran has a history of conflict and rivalry with Kurds opposed to the Baathist regime in Baghdad, especially the Patriotic Union of Kurdistan led by Jalal Talabani.

As a former member of the People's Mujahedin, I can testify that immediately after the second Gulf war (March 1991), the Mujahedin military force, which is entirely funded and equipped by the regime of Saddam Hussein, went into action against rebellious Kurds aloneside the Iraqi Republican Guards. On 14 March 1991, a sizeable Mujahedin force attacked PUK forces near the town of Koi Sanjaq, razing nearby villages to the ground and killing many civilians. Maryam Rajavi, joint leader of the Mujahedin, issued a communiqué ordering Mujabedin troops to "run over" fleeing Kurds with their tanks. In May 1993, a Mujahedin platoon infiltrated the ontskirts of Sulaymaniyah and seized 13 PUK

peshmergas. These peshmergas

were then handed over to the Iraqi Mukhabarat secret police. Their fate is unknown.

It is evident that since the Mujahedin presence in Iraq is dependent on the survival of the Saddam Hussein regime, the Mujahedin are willing to act as mercenaries for this anti-human regime. HUSHANG PIRNIA

Abingdon, Oxfordshire

Proven record for Prozac

Sir. The article "The brave new world comes one step closer" (12 September) quotes Professor Steven Rose as stating that there is no logical reason why the antidepressant Prozac is legal yet the rave drug ecstasy is illegal.

There is in fact one very good reason. Prozac has lived all its life in the scientific and clinical spotlight. Discovered in 1972, it was the subject of extensive research before being submitted to the UK and 90 other regulatory authorities who carefully assessed its effectiveness, safety and quality before licensing it as a prescription medicine for the treatment of very specific conditions. Prozac's effect on millions of patients has been monitored by health professionals, regulatory authorities and the manufacturers, and its value as a treatment for clinical depression bulimia nervosa and obsessive compulsion disorder confirmed. Ecstacy, on the other hand, languishes in a shadowy world of

clubs, bars and back-street garages,

its effects unmonitored, its safety unknown, and its quality unregulated.

The article asserts that "Prozac has been implicated in umusual behaviour" and cites a single case involving a man with a history of mental illness who ran amok and killed a number of colleagues. This incident occurred in the US, and in 1991 the American Food and Drug Administration called upon a panel of experts to examine whether there might be a link between Prozac and violent behaviour. That panel found no credible evidence of a causal link. DEREK G ANTHONY Manager of Corporate Affairs Lilly Industries Limited

C of E cannot stand alone

Basingstoke, Hampshire

Sir: The Dean of Wells's rehearsal (Letters, 14 September) of the traditional Church of England mantra about ministering to the whole nation is unlikely to impress 'clergy at the coalface".

Sixteen thousand church buildings makes an average of more than two per parochial minister. Take into account the number of assistant curates, those on holiday, day off, sabbatical, ill or in domestic disarray and the number actually "on the beat" shrinks alarmingly. The discrepancy between what the C of E delivers in theory and in practice is vast.

Add in the vestigial confirmation rate-one person in a thousand per annum - the revolution in the Post letters to Letters to the Editor, and include a daytime telephone number.

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marriage market, the unavailability of clergy for funerals in urban areas and the number of dioceses balancing their books by interregna, and any rational person must conclude that

another way forward is necessary.

As always, the Holy Spirit
provides. Ministry to the whole nation is being renewed in those places where churches of all traditions are working together in a common task, not repudiating their denominational inheritance, but laying aside the exclusive arrogance and alienation which has impeded

the Christian cause for generations. Examples of good ecumenical practice abound up and down the country. The sooner dignitaries lay aside the illusions fostered by their mode of appointment and use their ability and creativity and the resources at their disposal to work ecumenically, the sooner things will begin to look up for the churches. DAVID PERKY

Shared Parish Church of St Augustine Skirlaugh, Humberside

Warhol censored

Sir: I know Britain is very skilled at developing collective amnesia over its own reactionary history and cultural cowardice, but any retrospective assessment of the films made by Andy Warhol and Paul Mortissey (12 September) should have pointed out that nearly all the titles mentioned were, when they were first made, either banned from public exhibition in this country or shown only in cut versions. DAVE GODIN Sheffield

Findings don't

condemn poor Sir: We recently showed that birth complications combine with maternal rejection in predisposing people to violent crime ("Seeds of violence sown in the cradle", 3

September).
In commenting on our findings, Clare Prout (Letters, 11 September) fell that lack of financial resources, more than a financial resources, more than a genetic predisposition to be bad parents, was the crux of the problem, and that there was a simplistic saggestion that "the poor breed violent offspring".

First, we should clarify that while

birth complications are a biological factor, they are more likely to be environmentally than genetically determined. Furthermore, the evidence for a genetic predisposition to violent crime is not strong.

Second, some of our most recent research has shown that poor people who are good parents and whose babies do not suffer birth complications actually have offspring with low rates of adult violence.

While we believe that poverty plays a role in predisposing to violence, it must not be forgotten that many poor people do not commit crime.

We are further convinced that biological factors also predispose to violence, and that to successfully prevent future violent crime we need to take into account the complex interaction between social and biological processes. Professor ADRIAN RAINE Department of Psychology University of Southern California Los Angeles, California

Tower a threat to St Paul's skyline

Sir: In 1934, a previous Surveyor to the Fabric of St Paul's, Godfrey Allen, foresaw that the changing skyline of London could threaten the world-famous image of St Paul's Cathedral rising above the city ("Will Sir Norman Foster's building be the tallest in Europe, or just pie in the sky?", 10

Inst pie in the say: ', 12'
September).

He devised a set of guidelines,
known as the "St Paul's Heights",
which limit the height of
development within a certain area
around the cathedral. These guidelines have been administered by the City planning authority ever since. More recently, protection has been given to long-distance views of the cathedral from as far away as Richmond Park and Greenwich.

Norman Foster's proposed London Millennium Tower does not lie within the area protect the St Paul's Heights, nor does it infringe any of the selective longdistance views. Nevertheless, it introduces to London a quantum leap in scale which raises questions about the value that Londoners, and indeed the nation, place on the image projected by the skyline of

the city.

It is understandable that in the absence of a unitary authority for London, the City should wish to encourage a building which expresses its dominance over adjoining areas; but all who value adjoining areas; but all who value the potent image of the dome of St Paul's rising above the rooftops of London should be aware of the full London should be aware of the extent of the beight from which the Millennium Tower building will, if built, look down on Wren's

masterpiece. The respective heights are 385.5 metres (Millennium Tower) and 111.5 metres (St Paul's Cathedral). MARTIN STANCLIFFE Surveyor to the Fabric of St Paul's Cathedral

Loving parents spare the child

Sir: Martin Gompertz (Letters, 13 September) writes: "The parent strikes the child, but this is no assault." A parent striking a child in many cultures which we would consider primitive or undeveloped would be regarded as an act of

insanity.

The most effective way of teaching a child to be reasonably obedient (and heaven preserve us from the totally obedient robot) is to withdraw the outward signs of approval. The child experiences this as a withdrawal of what sustains it - parental love. Of course, if the parent regards the child as an object to be controlled, then it is unlikely that this natural discipline will work, because the child will have experienced little love, and will have formulated its own strategies for survival. Co-operation is unlikely to be one of them.

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Bigger fry?

Sir. It is interesting that the latest revelations on New Labour and the trade unions took place in a seafood restaurant ("A feast of Dover sole, Chablis and a politician lightly grilled, 14 September). In bygone times, would that have been a chip shop? PETÉ BRINTON Truro, Cornwall

TEAM:

The British Library may be worthy: it may also be the focus of a conspiracy theory surrounding Cambridge architects; but compared with its rivals at the Biennale, it's a sure winner. Jonathan Glancey in Venice sings its praises



A little Buggins goes a long way

Alexandria was torched by har-barians, the citwhat survived of the Roman Empire wept and gnashed their teeth. It was as if the whole of classical learning had been destroyed at a stroke. or, in today's terms, as if some virile computer virus had wiped clean the central databank that held the story of western civil-

Libraries mattered 2,000 years ago; they matter today. Tears were shed for the fate of the library that nursed the original texts of Aristotle, amongst many great authors whom we know today only through the diligence and, to an extent, inaccuracy of the religious orders who kept alight the flame of learning during the Dark Ages, But it appears that

British Library nearing completion alongside St Pancras Station in latter-day London. Quite the reverse. The

£450m building, due to open next year, has been under attack for years. Perhaps surprisingly then, from this week until mid-November, the library is the principal representative of British architectural culture at the Venice Biennale. This is the one hig opportunity for architects from around the globe to show their wares to and to a large and curious pub-

When the British Council, which organises the British Pavilion here, announced its decision to make the British Library the star of its show, the architectural press hleated, as with one voice, "No to the library". How could the British Council choose this ungainly and outmoded public monu-

ment? After all, Britain over the past decade, and certainly since the last Biennale held four years ago (the 1994 event was in effect closed for restoration - chiuso per il restauro as they say here) has produced some of the most radical and sophisticated architecture in British architects have been

much in demand, prophets perhaps without too much honour in their own land, but welcome ambassadors of contemporary culture abroad. And what of a younger generation of architects? Why bother with a building that is unpopular even before it has opened, when we could be using the Biennale to display the talents of an up-andcoming generation?

The temptation is to jump to a conclusion that could be true in part, but would unfairly distort the case for the library.

Pavilion has been organised on behalf of the British Council by Michael Brawne, a veteran architect who first taught in the Department of Architecture at Cambridge University, where he has also been a member of the advisers committee of the Martin Research Centre. Sir Leslie Martin, who lends his name to this academic body, was for many years Professor of Architecture at Cambridge. One of his pupils and an architect he was to employ was Colin St John Wilson, architect of the British Library a former Professor of Archi-

tecture at Cambridge.

Alongside the exhibition of the British Library at Venice is a presentation of the up-and-coming (and very fine) Ruskin Library for the University of Lancaster by MacCormac Jamieson Prichard. Richard MacCormac was a pupil of Professor Wilson at Cambridge.

By this time, conspiracy theorists will be making knowing noises. These gentlemen architects were at school together, and clearly it's Buggins' (ie "Sandy" Wilson's) turn to take a bow and show Johnny Foreigner what the Light Blues can do: the most expensive building recorded in British history, for one thing. Given the hostility hurled at the immense walls of Wilson's library, it is easy to believe in such a complacent conspiracy. However, if there is something in it, there are mitigating factors.

Amongst these is the unde-niably intelligent theme of the British pavilion: "The Architecture of Information". Brawne has curated a show that is consistent, relevant, crystal clear and good-looking. With very few exceptions, the other pavilions of the Biennale are inconsistent, irrelevant, perplexing and even potty.

ne clearest national message of all, however, comes from the American pavilion. Entitled "Building a Dream: the Art of Disney Architecture", the American show is an intimate collusion between the wonderful world of Walt and big gun US architects; so much so, that the message given by the US pavilion can only be that Disney is American architecture.

Triumphant above squeaky clean models of an astonishing volume of brightly coloured Post-Modern confections (for which, read "buildings") is a statue of Mickey Mouse himself. Forget Le Corbusier, stuff Palladio, the cartoon rodent is the future of transatiantic culture. Where once we joked that the Post-Modern design that blossomed so ludicrously in the United States from around 1980 was "Mickey Mouse" architecture, now the mouse has proved us right. Suddenly, the carnest British Library seems infinitely desirable. Architecture, as presented by

Venice, appears to be little more than an overplayed joke. The French and Italian pavil-

ions, for example, are confus-ing, ugly and designed in ways that make them almost impossible to walk around. This international tendency towards unmitigated gimmickry is, perhaps, best summed up by the Hungarian pavilion, in which bizarre red and white neo-Constructivist sculptures designed by one Gabor Bachman are labelled "The Architecture of Nothing". Quite.

If the British excludes youthful talent, it cannot be accused of being emptyheaded. In fact, the dramatic and likeable way in which Colin St John Wilson has presented the British Library - a collage made up of prototype pieces of the library's interiors, from solid oak readers' desks and chairs to glass-fronted shelves, and leather-wrapped handrails speaks volumes for the quality of this public monument and for the vast reserves of information it will contain.

Supported by MacCormac's jewel-like Ruskin Library, Foster & Pariners' Carre d'Art at Nimes and the proposed Eden Project (a spectacular hiosphere planned for abandoned Cornish quarries and a future centre of bioclimatic research that will be open to the public)
designed by Nicholas
Grinshaw & Partners, "The Grimshaw & Partners, "The Architecture of Information" is all too many of the architecture

A little on the worthy side? Perhaps, but when most of the Continental European pavilions seem aimed at confounding literal-minded Brits, a little

Nevertheless, there is no doubt that younger talent does need to be encouraged and shown abroad. It would be unwise to divide architects into the young and the established, because architectural talent emerges over a lifetime and whilst some architects - Lutyens is a good example - appear to erva from the head of Zeus,

others need to time to mature. It is significant that many of the "young" international hotheads and radicals on show in the central pavilion at the Biennale are older than many of the mature architects producing refined buildings in say. Switzerland and Scandinavia.

The British Library presentation at Venice will, undoubtedly, make this massive building new friends. Whilst it remains difficult to begin to like the exterior, the interior is refined, polished and handsome. With its warm oak surfaces, leather handrails at every stretch and promise of superbly controlled daylight, the interior is almost, although this seems awkward to say, rather sexy. Or, at least, certainly more sensual than many of the spiky.

Colin St John Wilson likes to say that the library that has dominated the latter half of his career has been designed to last at least 250 years; its reputation as a work of architecture will (he hopes) slide in and out of fashion. For the architect as well as for the trustees of the library, this is a comforting thought.

There is no doubt that the architecture Biennale is, by and large, a fashion show. The bravest pavilions are, perhaps, those that have tried to eschew ephemera in favour of imaginative buildings that will endure. Whether this is the right strategy for an all-singing. all-dancing fashion show is

another matter. The British pavilion, compared to its rivals, is a hit like a stand at the Motor Show manned by chaps in heavy tweeds and brogues, an apparent anomaly among those strewn with half-clothed lovelies.

Undouhtedly worthy and a bit worrying on the chaps-wereat-varsity-together level, the British pavilion does go a long way in convincing the scentical visitor that the construction of the British Library is not in the hands of barbarians and that no matter what form new libraries take in terms of the information they convey, we will probably always want them to be housed in huildings that promise security against savage destruction - even if Buggins does get to

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A pretty stage set awash with criticism being a World Heritage City means is tooking like a grand "You'd be surprised what



Miles **Kington**

ast Thursday, as I was saying yesterday, I was taken to a highly seditious evening of theatre at the Rondo in Larkhall. Larkhall is a smail village just outside the city of Bath that has nearly but not quite been swallowed up by Bath. (Bath of course is a city that was once famous for its waters and is now notorious for having no spa facilities available or swimming pool

The point of this play was that the central character was a medical officer working for a town that depended

on its baths for its income. The medical officer was about to unveil a report showing that the spa water was contaminated, mostly by the effluent from an abatton higher up the hill, but the mayor, instead of taking action, blackmailed him into silence. The mayor, his brother, thought that the matter of health was much less important than the profitability of the business community and the reputation of the city council, and refused to rock the boat. So did the local paper. So did everyone

except the doctor ... What came across was the picture of a smughtown whose reputation was not backed up by performance. Small wonder that people in the audience were going round afterwards saying. "Hmm - not a million miles from our own dear Bathl" You might have thought. from what they were saying. that Bath City Council would consider suing the playwright for libel. This, however, would be difficult as the playwright, Ibsen, was long dead, and his play "An Enemy of the People", was

written 100 years ago.

resonances the play still has," one of the actors in this excellent Orchard Theatre production told me afterwards. "We started our tour in Taunton earlier in September, at the Brewhouse arts complex, which was just having a grand reopening, so they asked the mayor and some local bigwigs along to the evening of our performance. I don't think they quite realised that this particular Ibsen play is an attack on the complacency and corruption of so many small-town establishments ... What made it even

more piquant was that one of the local bigwigs at Taunton owned a local abattoir, and he was incensed by the bad press that abattoirs got in the play. You should have heard him sounding off afterwards!"

Taunton may be sensitive, but the city of Bath is almost immune to criticism. This is partly because Bath's rugby tcam has made it feel invincible and partly because Bath has been nominated a World Heritage City, which makes it feel it is beyond reproach. Actually, all that

stage set - 200 years ago Bath was turned into a pretty Georgian playground of a town, and although most subsequent building in the place, under the aegis of or with consent from the council, has been hideous, it is still a very pretty stage setting, though often more show than substance, as one look at the shoddy backside

of the famous Pultency

I'll give you another

Bridge will reveal.

example of how there is more polish than performance. A year or two back it was decided to hand over the running of the Bath public swimming pools to a private company. (There used to be several different public baths in Bath, but an all-wise council had closed almost all of them down.) It was awarded to the lowest tender, which came from a company trailing a bad record behind it - I met an employee of the council at the time who told me he had found out

that this company was

already in trouble else-

where, hat he could not

listen 10 him.

The company with the not very good record took over the baths, ran them in a dissatisfactory fashion and finally, not so long ago, went into liquidation, as predicted by my source hut not by the council. As a result, the swimming pool has been closed all summer while the council struggles to rectify the situation with their usual dynamism, and as Bath City Council had not kept any other baths open, there was nowhere for Bathonians to swim this hot summer. Except across the Wiltshire border in Chippenham or Bradford-on-Avon, near where I live, Bradford and Chippenham being two of the many towns to which local people now tend to go instead of Bath to do their shopping, eating, and swimming, because Bath is becoming so impossible, what with charging such greedy rents in the city, and having nowhere to park and...

Never mind. Bath is a World Heritage City. It is above criticism. And Ibsen would have a wonderful time here if he were still alive.

Time to win some political gold medals lection canvassers in the forthcoming general election should not be surprised to be told on the document "Vou redistingue are a denial of the value of the vote. But wheo Polonius played the politician with Hamlet, the Prince aptly responded "Words, words, words ..." Some cynicism about our politics is unsurprising. It seems that the poor are always with us and the rich seem to with us and the rich seem to manage. And the going is oot easy for the great mass in the middle. If governments are to be judged by industrial investment, scientific innovation,

doorsteps, "You politicians are all the same." It may sound like a denial of the value of the

educational opportunity and social provisioo, we had better admit that the gold medals are going elsewhere. Furthermore, going elsewhere. Furthermore, there is some cross-party convergence of attitude as to the constraints upon fiscal and monetary policies. The public might reasonably doubt that the oext election will mark a historic break with the past.

That is not however, the full

That is not, however, the full story. The oext general election could herald significant change. The Liberal Democrats', long committed to reform, speak in shorthand of "the oeed to clean up the mess". Labour, too, has challenged the view that the

Westminster model of parliamentary government is all for the hest. The Tories relish the challenge. As we approach the end, or perhaps it will only be the interruption, of a regime (for the Conservatives have been in office for some 55 of the past 75 years), there is a rare oppor-tunity to confroot the need for radical, systemic

Modernisation in other countries has followed the horrors or war and revolution. In Britain we are prompted only by the made-quacies of our inheritance. The well-chronicled faults include the dominance of the Executive over Parliament, overcentralisation, excessive secrecy, an insufficiently representative legislature, weak remedies for the abuse of public power and, perhaps most widely resented, the

failure to meet people's aspirations. There is a strong temptation to play down constitutional reform in elections. It is, after all, about means, and the conventional wisdom is that people are concerned about ends, about health, jobs, crime. There is, however, a glimmer of hope that the public recognises that constitutional reform is needed to help those elected to achieve the purposes for which they are elected. It could help to repatriate some of

those lost gold medals for good government. Where do the principal parties stand? The Conservatives' preference for the status quo is easily understood for it has served them well. Labour has a reform ageoda and some commitmeots. Nationalist pressure in Scotland, the stacking of the House of Lords against them and the sweeping aside of old constitutional conventions - such as ministers owning up when found out, and fairness in making public appointments - have helped to bring Labour to this watershed

This week, the Liberal Democrats are pob-



Robert Maclennan

Parliament cannot win the public's trust without wholesale reform

> the UK. It would offer a framework within which the electors in different regions of England could, by referendum, opt into regional government. The Reform Bill will specify which matters would be the exclusive responsibility of the nations and regions, which would be shared and which would remain the responsibility of the West-

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lishing a Constitutional Declaration and the text of a Reform Bill which could give effect to

the core principles and provi-sions of the reform agenda. It

shows how the interrelated ele-

ments of reform can best beimplemented in ooe Act to

achieve a coherent system of government for the UK.

To take one example: the transfer of powers to a Scottish Parliament cannot leave untouched for long the oun-

bers and authority of Scottish MPs at Westminster. Similarly,

an all-appointed upper House might deal with the problem of the political imbalance of the Lords but scarcely strengthens its democratic authority.

The Reform Bill would therefore tackle all these issues

together. The two Houses of

Parliament (their membership reduced but their powers over the Executive strengthened)

would be reformed, along with

provision for home rule for Scotland and Wales, fair voting systems and referendums. In particular, it would democratise the upper House, providing first for indirect election by the

two Houses of Parliament and, subsequently, direct election from the nations and regions of

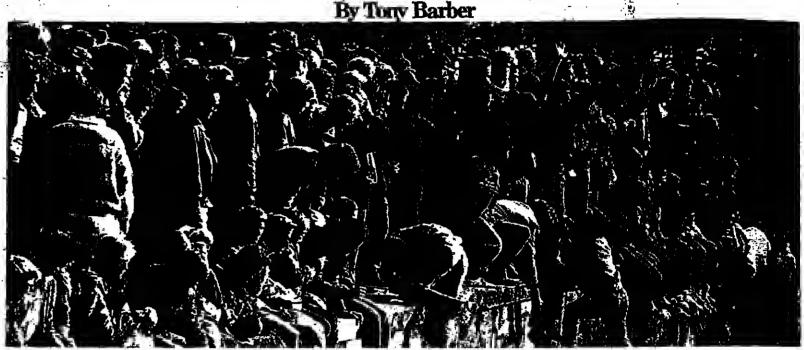
minster Parliament. The Bill would provide that the next House of Commons, elected by a fair voting system, would be elected as a constitutional convention. Following the holding of a national refereodum it would have the power to entrench the country's constitution.

That constitution would be the basic law of the UK, deriving its validity from the people, defining and separating sufficiently the powers of Parliament, the Executive and the judges. In particular, all executive powers would be derived from the constitution and not from the royal prerogative. Thus, for example, it would not be open to the Prime Minister to fire the starting-gun in an election since, by constitutional law, Parliaments would run for

a set term only to be varied by Parliament itself. Constitutional reform cannot be played like a game of grandmother's footsteps in which forward movements can only be made when no one sees them. Furthermore, it is unrealistic to believe that these intercoonected issues can be sensibly spread across several sessions of Parliament displacing the bread-and-butter legislative needs of government. If the tide for reform is missed then, no doubt, future elections and their results will revert to type. The disappointed public will continue to sigh oo the doorstep: "You politicians are all the same."

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Is Europe driving Germany up the wall?



s Germany getting fed up with Europe? When diplomat from a big European country recently put this question to me, my instinct was to dismiss it as absurd, How could Germany be sus-

pected of such restlessness when it has moved heaven and earth since 1945 to merge itself indissolubly with its European allies? Surely Chancellor Hel-mut Kohl's relentless determination to achieve European monetary and political union is proof that Germany is solidly anchored in Europe?

And yet, and yet. Something is changing in Germany. The European ideal that defined the country's post-war identity and mission, and which did so much to connect the political establishment with public opinion. seems to matter less now to ordinary Germans than at any time since 1945.

One recent survey suggested that only one in three Germans thinks that membership of the European Union is a sig beoefit. Polls consistently underline the scepticism of Hans in Hamburg and Franz in Frankfurt about sacrificing the mighty mark for the untried and untested curo, as the planned European single currency has been christened.

There are even cracks in the political clite. Among those who have questioned the wisdom of Mr Kohl's drive for monetary union at all costs are Gerhard Schröder, a senior opposition Social Democrat in Lower Saxony, and Edmund Stoiber, the right-wing premier of Bavaria.

anti-European, in the Tory Europhobic sense of harbouring a secret desire to pull their country out of the EU. The public mood, however, has

shifted perceptibly since the unification of Germany in 1990. By bringing together west and east Germans in one country and clearing up the status of Berlin, unification removed important constraints on German foreign policy and on the way Germans look at Europe. They have a stronger sense now of when something is in Germany's interest and when it is not, and when it is not they

are more willing to resist.

the EU, could turn hostile if they suspected that Brussels was denying them money and jobs. For despite hundreds of billions of marks in financial transfers since the fall of the Berlin Wall, east Germans are still the poor relations of their western kinsfolk.

They have strongly supported Saxony's premier, Kint Biedenkopf, for cutting the deal with Volkswagen, and they have made it plain that they could not save less about HII regulations. care less about EU regulations. As the Potsdam newspaper

out of work - the highest number since Hitler's time - and their government is imposing austerity measures in order to meet the Maastricht treaty's cooditions for launching the single currency. Inevitably, public attitudes are feeding through

into government policy.

Thus Mr Kohl has successfully squashed proposals by Jacques Santer, the EU Commission's president, to launch a grand Europe-wide job creation scheme, funded partly out of the EU budget. It matters little to Mr Kohl that this Märkische Allgemeine put it: was Mr Santer's pet project and "The cold-bloodedness with which Mr Biedenkopf has bro-that he has come up with since was Mr Santer's pet project and the now notorious discussions at Chequers in 1990 that Baroness Thatcher held with a number of experts on the theme of "what to do about Germany

The note recorded the participants' view that "the way in which the Germans currently used their elbows and threw their weight about in the European Community suggested that a lot had still oot changed". However, some would say that this opinioo reveals more about British paranoia than about actual German behaviour.

If Germany is less coy these days about sticking up for its ioterests in Europe, this is because ordinary Germans are no longer the passive pro-Euro-peans of the pre-unification age. This, in turn, may reflect a certain combativeness and harshness that has entered German life since the radically different societies of east and west were suddenly lumped together and told to get on with it. Mr Kohl, aware of these

trends, sometimes voices the fear that he may prove to be Germany's last pro-European Chancellor. That is why he is so keen to make a success of mon-

For my part, I see no reason to be alarmist about the new, more individualistic, more assertive Germany. What Professor Norman Stone wrote in 1991 still holds true: "We are in fact lucky to have the Germans around. They have learned all mightily from their

After the euphoria of the collapse of the Berlin Wall, Germans are now questioning their role as EU paymaster

This point has emerged with particular clarity in the dispute between Germany and the European Commission over subsidies paid to the car-maker Volkswagen by the eastern state of Saxony. The Commission ruled that the payments violated EU rules, but the German government disagreed and is fil-ing a suit against the Commission in the European Court of

Justice (the Commission is responding with a counter-suit).
The government's stance has been dictated partly by an awareness that east Germans,

ken EU law appears to be paying off."

There is frustration in west-

em Germany, too. More and more, people suspect that the EU is taking them for a ride, draining wealth from the prosperous society that they built so painstakingly from the ruins of 1945. Small wonder that the finance ministry in Bonn is finally responding and drawing up plans to cut Germany's oct

contribution to the EU budget. Germans are heartily tired of being the EU's paymaster when almost 4 million people are

form the impressioo that the EU is squandering money (more of it from Germany than anywhere else) on dubious undertakings. It is bad eoough that Germans already hlame the EU for operating a tariff system that causes them to pay over the odds for bananas, ooe of their favourite fruits.

taking over the Commission.

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More important for Mr Kohl

In some ways, Germany's muscle-flexing in the EU is nothing new. Consider the memorandum that summed up

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awful past, looked to other countries as models and now exemplify what a modern Western country should be like."

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ony Blair's face is full of optimism. He has set his targets and is unlikely to let anybody get in his way ... the position of Prime Minister is well within his grasp ..."
"Cherie has a natural appeal

the fashion magazines might go for in a big way ... Above all, she has the all-important relaxed look ...

Over the past fortnight, the Daily Express has published one photograph of John Major, two of Cherie Booth, and nine of Tony Blair. The paper's columnists, people such as Bernard Ingham and Peter Hitchens, may continue to growl and grizzle along the familiar Smith Square-approved lines (though Ingham declared in a recent column, "By common consent, Labour is no longer unelec-table"); but the message of the rest of the paper could hardly be more plain: the Blairs are the faces of the future.

It is seven months since Lord Hollick merged his flagship company, MAI, with Lord Stevens's United Newspapers, in what amounted to a takeover. And although he declares himself a hands-off proprietor, primarily interested in the bot-Jom line, he is also among the most prominent of Labour's

seriously rich supporters. With regard to Labour, he says, "My role is to be helpful and supportive in any way I can." A moody, half-page portrait of Blair, fashion shots of Cherie, cute and wholesome in cardigan and bare feet, a beaming Blair stepping out of a helicopter - all of this is helpful and supportive. Even the banner front-page headline on last Friday's paper, "Labour to

dump unions", probably did Labour less harm than good in the eyes of most Express read-

Lord Hollick, 51 (right), has been a Labour party member since his teens, and was raised to the peerage by Neil Kinnock; his other services to the Labour party include helping to set up the Institute for Public Policy Research, a think-tank that is one of New Labour's most important sources of ideas. And now, as the party's great test approaches, Lord Hollick is the type of self-made grandee oo whom the party is bound to depend ever more heavily, whether it does in fact "dump unions" or not.

He is believed to contribute to the party's funds; by reiterating his enthusiastic backing for Labour only days after overseeing 85 redundancies at the Express, he helps to make supporting Labour look the natural choice of millionaires who know which way the wind is blowing; and if he perseveres in his attempt to Blairify the Express, he could prove to be far and away the party's most useful ally in the war against the

Tory media. Despite all the union-dump ing, Clause 4-rewriting and City-wooing of the past two years, Plutocrats Backing Blair remains a small, select chib, and new members are paraded before the press like expensive

foreign signings. The most recent, announced at the weekend, was Bob Gavron CBE, the multimillionaire printer and publisher, who owns the Folio Society and Carcanet Press and is also a director of the Royal Opera House and the Royal



THE NEW ESTABLISHMENT Day Two:

The Plutocrats

As Labour's success grows more likely, it has to learn to live with praise from the popular press, and its own wealthy benefactors. By Peter Popham

Ballet. He has given the party £500,000. Last week the gift of Matthew Harding, wealthy insurance broker and Chelsea FC's biggest shareholder, was announced: earlier in the year he gave £1m, moch the largest single donation, and about onesixth of what the party receives annually from the unions. The Tories remain the nat-

ural bolt-hole of the rich, and those among them who go for Labour oormally have strong reasons for doing something so apparently counter-intuitive. Dr Swraj Paul, for example, head of the Capara Group steel business, who with his family is worth £500m, points out that his allegiance to Labour practically runs in his blood; his family were ardent supporters of Indian independence (his given name, which means "freedom", was Gandhi's campaign siogan), and when he came to live in Britain 30 years ago he was naturally drawn to the anti-Establishment party. The support of Lord Paul (he was ennobled in the recent honours list) is not blind, however: he gave money to the Tories during the Eighties, and is a friend of Baroness Thatcher. As recently as 1994, when he gave Labour £54,000, he also gave £5,000 to the Tories.

Some of Labour's high-profile supporters would be glad if there were a no-publicity box to tick. David Sainsbury, for example, scion of the grocery dynasty, supports Labour but prefers not to talk about it - a contrast to the eloquent Conservatism of his cousin, Sir Tim. formerly a minister in John Major's government.

Paul Hamlyn, the publishing magnate who arrived in Britain

as a refugee from Hitler, has poured money into the party for years, but stays mum. And when you see the abuse that is heaped on the heads of some of Labour's wealthy, you can understand why.

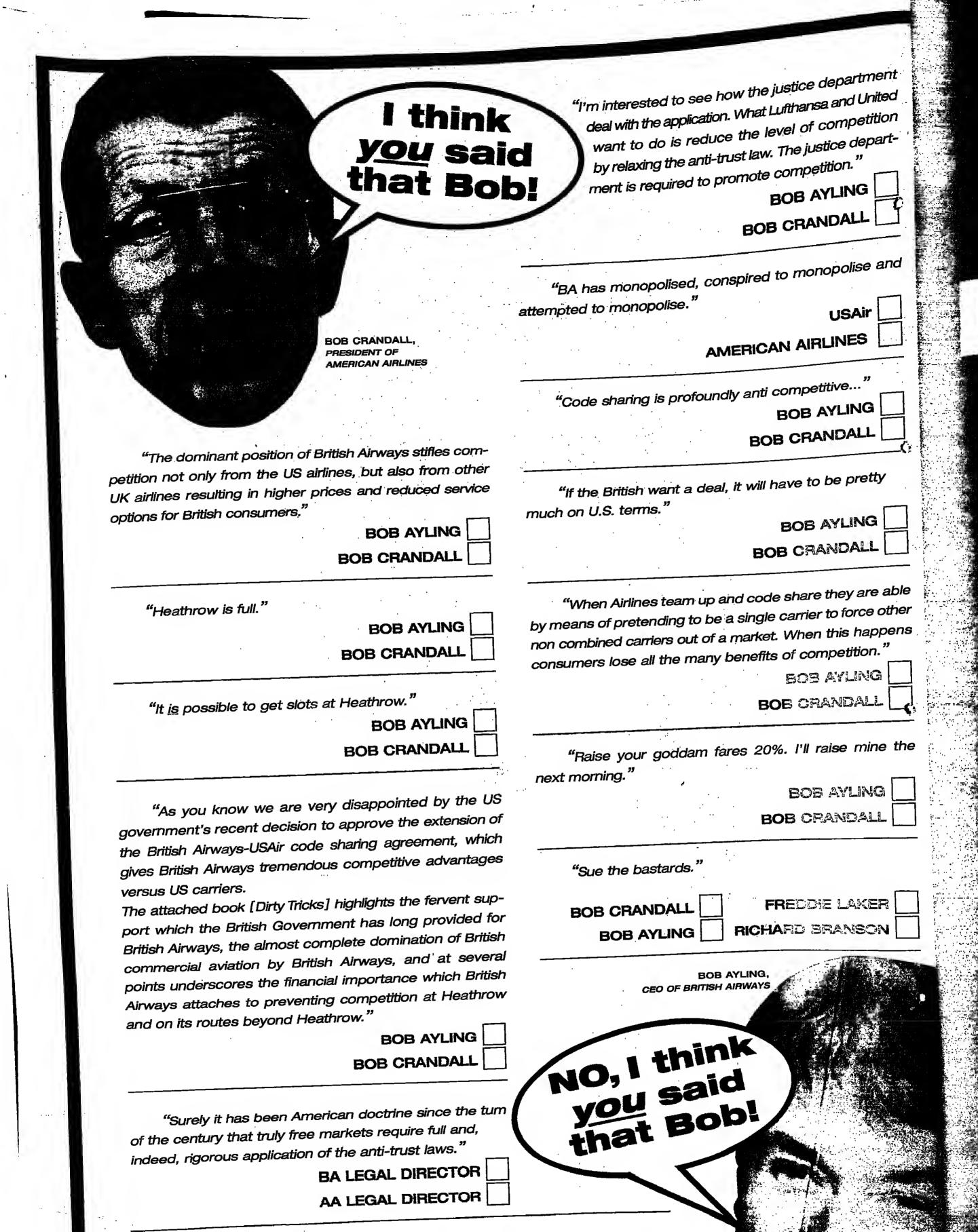
Take the case of Geoffrey Robinson, for example. The MP for Coventry North West since 1976, he may, with the Open University, be one of the late Harold Wilson's most glittering legacies. Hired by the then Labour prime minister as a researcher, he was rapidly promoted to head the Industrial Reorganization Corporation, and from there went on to head Jaguar Cars and build a fortune of his own in high-tech

Robinson is Wilson's whitehot heat of the technological revolution, embodied and still glowing. In the process of making his pile, though, he neglected Westminster. Now he is back in the spotlight as the new proprietor of the Jew Statesman, but a Daily Mail report that Blair was aming to give him a front-line job to improve his [ie Blat a credibility with industry", for flatly denied by Blair's once, provoked screams of outrige from other Labour MPs. It's going to blunt our encidown on company fat cats if at have one on our own front banch," one

of them was quited as saying. Geoffrey Robinson has a Lutyens mansion in Hamp-shire, a villa in Surrey, a flat in the Riviera and a penthouse overlooking Pirk Lane and the Serpentine. / He certainly

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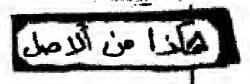
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Tupac Shakur

Middle America only began to settled in Baltimore where the understand the depression and frustration of the grunge genfrustration of the grunge generation when Kurt Cobain killed himself in 1994. The death of the rapper Tupac Shakur on Friday from gunshot wounds suffered the previous weekend in Las Vegas is assuming a similar importance for gangsta rap and hip-hop fans the world over.

With controversial albums like Me Against the World and All Eyes on Me and a tempestuous lifestyle which mirrored his braggadocio and macho lyrics, 2Pac (as he was known) had become one of the symbols of the movement. But, while his demise may reinforce cultural prejudices about this violent phenomenon, it could be the catalyst that forces Bill Clinton's government finally to deal with the issues of race and gunownership in America.

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Like hip-hop and rap, Shakur was born in New York City. In a strange harbinger of events to come, he spent time in gaol while in his mother. Afeni Shakur's womb. She was one of the members of the Black Panthers arrested for conspiracy in 1970; such was her diet while behind bars that she feared she wouldn't reach the end of her pregnancy. Eventually acquitted of bombing charges, she was re-leased and Tupac Amaru was horn the following month. Unsure of the identity of the baby's father (a popular myth points the finger at a drug-dealer nicknamed Legs, now dead), mother and child moved from the

moniker. While studying at the High School for Performance Arts in Baltimore, he also took some acting classes which would later come in handy.

In 1988, the single mother

and son made the move to the

West Coast and ended up in Marin City, a small town near Oakland, California. From then on, Shakur gave up on schooling, a decision he later regretted. He became a small-time crack dealer and auditioned for an outfit called Digital Underground who had already made a name for themselves as a rather goofy act ("The Hump-ty Dance" was their most notable moment), sampling George Clinton's Funkadelic. After dancing and helping out the road crew, Shakur con-tributed to their album Sex Packets. Following a small part in Ernest Dickerson's film Juice, the rapper struck out on his own and released the album

2Pacalypse Now in 1991. At the time, rap was mutat-ing into several hybrids with De La Soul, Disposable Heroes of Hiphoprisy and Arrested Development promoting a more laid-back positive outlook while West Coast acts like Niggaz With Attitude, Ice-Cube and Ice-T were going all out for the hardcore audience. Ice-T had an alternative outfit called Body Count which released a controversial record entitled Con Killer. Whipped up by Dan Quayle and Tipper Gore, the American media bayed for cen-

sorship of rap lyrics and Shakur's first album 2Pacatypse Now was soon cited as the reason a tecnager had killed a Texas state trooper.

The court declared the evidence madmissible but Shakur had become a force to be reckoned with. His elevation to the gangsta rapper pantheon was complete when he was arrested in New York in late 1994 for sexual assault. While awaiting trial, Shakur was again appre-hended in Atlanta for shooting in the general direction of two plainclothes policemen. In November that year, he was himself the victim of a robbery and was shot five times (once in the head) while in a Manhattan recording studio.

Many observers saw this

event as a disguised murder at-tempt on Shakur. He had signed a deal with Death Row Records, the label set up by Dr Dre and Marion "Suge" Knight, who had made a fortune from publishing some of the songs on Vanilla Ice's debut hit album. A rather unsavoury character, Knight had started a feud be-tween his West Coast stable (also including Snoop Doggy Dogg) and the acts on Shaun "Puffy" Combs' East Coast la-bel Bad Boy Records (including the rapper Notorious BIG). The argument escalated and following pressure from Time Warner shareholders, the record producer Jimmy lovine's Interscope label, which distrib-uted Death Row, lost its licensing with Warner Brothers and moved to the MCA/Geffen conglomerate.

Meanwhile, as 2Pac spent most of 1995 safely in Ryker's Island jail in New York, his popularity grew even more. Poenc Justice, a film in which he starred opposite Janet Jackson, came out among rumours that her management had forced him to have an Aids test. Later, the film director John Singleton was forced to withdraw the offer of a film part after pressure from uncomfortable studio heads

His Me Against the World al-bum, in which he showed he was deeply aware of his own mor-tality (with "If I Die 2Nite" and "Death Around the Corner", for example), raced up the charts, eventually selling 2 million copies. He married his long-suffering griffriend, Keisha Morris (the marriage was later annulled), and started work on the heid, and started work on the lyrics of All Eye: On Me, which came out this year following his release on a \$1.4m bail put up by his company. This strangely prophetic double set documented his state of mind and his determination to triumph over the odds and over his enemies ("Five shots and they still couldn't kill me," he bragged in one of his tracks). Sales of 5 million copies (and a British hit single with the mel-lower "California Love") proved Shakur had a definite hold over young people world-wide hut his life-style and the company he kept contributed to

his downfall On 7 September, after watching Mike Tyson's WBA heavyweight title fight in Las Vegas, Tupac left the MGM Grand in

a car driven by Marion Knight. A white four-door Cadillac pulled alongside them and its occupants opened fire. Knight, who was believed to have been the real target of the assassination, received a minor hullet wound hut Shakur, who was in the passenger seat, took the brunt of the shots. He was admitted at the University Medical Center in a critical condition. Several operations couldn't save him, and he eventually died of

complications.

However, 2Pac's death seems to have united America's Afro-American community. Coolio, of Gangsta Paradise fame, paid tribute to a "brother who gave you something to think about, something to laugh about."

John Bertoli, the producer of Gang Related (another sadly prophetic title), a movie featuring Shabur which is due out. turing Shakur which is due out next year, praised "a star who could have had a really bright future. He was proud of his contribution to that film. It's sad he won't be able to see his

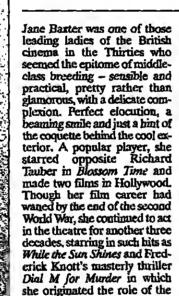
Most eloquent was the Rev Jesse Jackson, who put the whole sorry mess into perspective. "Sometimes the lure of violent culture is so magnetic that, even when one overcomes it with material success, it contimes to call. Tupac couldn't break the cycle,"

Tupac Amaru Shakur, rapper, singer, songwriter, actor born New York 16 June 1971; died Las



Tupac: "Five shots and they still couldn't kill me"

Jane Baxter



Born Feodora Forde in Germany in 1909, to a German mother and an Irish/English father, she was brought to England at the age of six. After studying at the Italia Conti stage school she made her Lon-Prisoner. Her breakthrough oc- abruptly terminated after his

heroine.

curred in 1928 when understudying Jean Forbes-Robertson as Peter Pan: she substituted for the ailing star for one week and was spotted by the writer Ian Hay, who suggested her for the lead in a play he had writ-ten with RG. Wodehouse, A Dansel in Distress (her tole was played by Joan Fontaine in the film version).

She made her screen debut in a modest B-movie, Bed and Breakfast (1930), but the fol-lowing year had an important role in Down River as an insurance investigator's spunky fiancée who helps trap a murderous smuggler (Charles Laughton).

In The Constant Nymph (1933, the second of three films were primarily vehicles for screen versions of Margaret Anna Sten and Ann Harding re-Kennedy's novel), she was one of the free-spirited daughters of a Bohemian musician living in the Alps, and the following year played a murder suspect in an early film of the director Michael Powell, The Night of the Party (1934). According to Powdon début in 1925 as an Urchin ell's autohiography, he and in a short-lived musical, Love's Baxter had an affair which was

fiancée saw them dancing psychic powers to make filmed Baxter's role as an earl's together at Ciro's.

In Blossom Time (1934), starring Richard Tauber as Franz Schubert, Baxter charmingly played the object of the composer's unrequited passion. Her performance attracted the attention of Hollywood, where she played in We Live Again (1934 Mamoulian's version of Tolstoy's Resurrection) and Harry Beaumont's Enchanted April (1935), a beguilingly off-beat tale of four ladies who rent a villa in Italy.

As the society belle fleeing the attentions of men, Baxter (in the role Polly Walker played in the recent remake) was convincingly blase, but these two spectively and, despite an affair with Ronald Colman which many thought would lead to matrimony, Baxter soon decided to return to England, where her films included an intriguing "perfect crime" thriller, Line Engaged (1935), and The Clairvoyant (also 1935), in which she nearly ruins Claude Rains's life by persuading him to use his

money.

A theatre commitment pre-

vented her from accepting Aifred Hitchcock's offer to star in The Thirty-nine Steps, which might have altered the course of her movie career. With the exception of two wartime tales, the melodramatic Ships with Wines (1941) in which she was an admiral's daughter loved by three flyers, and The Flemish Farm (1943), as the wife of an heroic Belgian pilot, her sub-sequent films were undistinguished and her most notable

work was to be on stage.
In the producer "Binkie" Beaumout's first London stage noduction George and Margare (1937) she was a hit as the flirtations Frankie and six years later, when Penelope Dudley-Ward quarrelled with the director Anthony Asquith during rehearsals for Terence. Rattigan's While the Sun Shines, Beaumont replaced her with Baxter. The play, opening on Christmas Eve 1943, was a great success that ran for over a thousand performances, a viscountess trying to peach though when the play was Hudson the butler, and her fi-

with several servicemen went to a newcomer, Barbara White. Later Celia Johnson was to play on screen the role that Baxter had originated in Wynyard Browne's touching 1950 play about a vicar's progeny, The Holly and the Ivy.

daughter romantically involved

Baxter's first appearance in New York was as Cecily in The Importance of being Earnest (1947) with John Gielgud, and other classic roles included Viola in Twelfth Night (1948, at the Old Vic, directed by Alec Guinness) and Mrs Alving in Ghosts (1967). She continued to work in the theatre for 20 years after Murder (1952), her last West End appearance being as the mother in John Mortimer's .4 Voyage round my Father (1972). co-starring her old friend Michael Redgrave - she was godmother to his daughter

Vanessa. Her television work included plays and series such as Upstain Downstairs, in which she played

nal appearance in a 1992 documentury. Missine Believed Lost. with John Mills and Chili Bouchier.

She married her first husband, the racing driver Clive Dunfee, in 1930, and tragically was watching him race at Brooklands two years later when he crashed to his death. In 1939 she married Arthur Montgomery, a businessman, who died in 1978 (they had three children). Less than four months ago Jane Baxter attended the unveiling of a plaque to Dame Anna Neagle and Herbert Wilcox in Park Lane (she had appeared with Neagle in the play The More the Metriwis immediately sur rounded by admitters who made it clear that she was still fondly remembered.

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Feedora Kuthleen Alice Forde (Jane Baxter), actress: born Bremen, Germany 9 September 1909; married 1930 Clive Dunfee (died 1932), 1939 Brigadier Arthur Monagomery (died 1978; one son, two daughters); died London 13 September 1996.

Gerald McArthur

By the time Gerald McArthur encountered the crime of the century, he had been a police officer for nearly 30 years.

Joining the Metropolitan Po-lice in 1935, he quickly estab-lished himself in the CID before being seconded to the Commissioners Office in 1941. He served in the RAF during the Second World War before returning to the Commissioners Office, and then the company fraud hranch. Promotions through the ranks rapidly followed, and in 1963 he was made Detective Superintendent in the Murder Squad. However it was robbery rather than homicide that was to establish McArthur's reputation, for within days of his appointment a plan that had been touted for years amongst the criminal fraternity came to fruition, and a coalition of south London professional thieves robbed the night train from Glasgow to London of

The Great Train Robbery and its soap opera-like after- control and discipline which

math caught the imagination of the world's media. Brigadier Cheyney, the Chief Constable of Buckinghamshire, sought the assistance of Scotland Yard. McArthur was seconded to the subsequent investigation and, despite the publicity-seeking activities of a number of senior police officers from the Metropolitan Police, it

was McArthur who was the acknowledged "governor". In particular he proved adept at manipulating the world's media in a manner that was to set a precedent for successive generations of police managers. From his base in Aylesbury he kept the story fresh in the public mind by calling regular press conferences, and a number of authorities claim that his announcement that the robbers

were still within a 30-mile radius of the crime, panicked them into a rapid exit from their hideout at Leatherslade Farm some 27 miles away, and contributed

until then had been the gang's hallmark. While Tommy Butler and the Flying Squad took much of the credit for their work against the London villains. McArthur managed the Aylesbury end of the investigation, and involved himself fully in the questioning that followed some of the early arrests.

In 1964 McArthur was promoted to the rank of Chief Superintendent and placed in charge of the Hertfordshire CID. This was a highly significant appointment that acknowledged the manner in which he had managed the tensions between the Met and the Buckinghamshire Police during the train robbery investigation. The following year he was appointed as the coordinator of No 5 Regional Crime

That same year McArthur was approached by a south London man named James Taggart with accusations regarding the activities of Charlie and Eddie Richardson and their associates, including

the underworld icon "Mad" Frankie Fraser. The Richardsons were undoubtedly the most astute of the crime groups that prospered in 1960s Britain, and had successfully penetrated the legitimate economy. Taggart had allegedly received a beating from Fraser and had gone to the now Assistant Chief Constable of Hertfordshire in order to avoid the local police who, as Charlie Richardson himself acknowledges, "were so bent that no Met copper would work for a week, never mind years, without tipping me

The subsequent investigation was unique at the time as the police went about seeking victims of crimes of violence that to this day seem quite fantastic, or in the words of one of the investigating officers. "Frankly, I thought it all sounded a bit improbable, copied from accounts of Gestapo methods during the war. The frauds which were the lifeblood of the Richardson operation were less improbable.

yet the trial became popularly

known as the "torture trial", and despite the contested nature of some of the evidence of violence, and the attempts at jury tumpering, Charlie and Eddic Richardson received 25 years and 10 years respectively.

The police operation also marked the introduction of a tactic that was to be soon implemented with even greater success against the Kray twins, involving the mass arrest of all members of the gang so as to reduce the chance of witness intimidation. A virtually ignored aspect of the Richardson trial was the sight of the Assistant Chief Constable of Hertfordshire, one of the most prominent detectives in the country, taking the stand just prior to Charlie Richardson being sentenced, to present the accused's

Advisory Council, a post from "previous" The trial did much to establish organised crime in Britain's collective consciousness, and was a key episode in the history of 1960s criminal justice. At a time when the establishment were fearful of society being

destabilised by the lower orders, scrap metal merchants equally talented at both fraud and mineral mining were at least two decades ahead of their time. However, looking back it is difficult not to have some sympathy with Charlie Richardson's contention that, desnite the "torture trial" hype, "I was actually charged with a bit of fraud and five counts of gricvous bodily harm. Nobody was dead, mainted or even scarred
... I had shapped five hooligans
around and had defrauded

large companies."
Gerald McArthur received the Queen's Police Medal in 1966, and was appointed MBE in 1968. He retired from the police in 1969 and became secu-

which he retired in 1975. Dick Hobbs

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Gerald Elwyn McArthur, police officer, born 28 May 1916; Assistant Chief Constable of Hertfordshire 1965-69; married (two daughters); died 21 July 1996.



The 'governor': McArthur, right, and colleague Photograph: Hutton Getty

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William Lane, translator of The Thousand and One Nights, 1801; Halfdan Kjerulf, composer, 1818; William Carlos Williams, poet, 1883; Charles Tomlinson Grilles, com-poser, 1884; Sir Francis Charles Chichester, yachtsman and sviator, 1901: Sir Frederick Ashton, chorcographer, 1906; Dokores Costello, actress, 1906. Deaths: Pedro Menendez de Aviles, soldier and navigator. 1574: Philip IV, King of Spain, 1665; Francesco Xaviero Geminiani, composer, 1762, Tobias George Smollett, novelist, 1771; Alfred Victor, Comic de Vigny, poet, 1863; Walter Savage Landor, author, 1864; William Henry Fox Talbut, photographic oloneer, 1877; Ethel Mary Dell (Mrs G.T. Savage), romantic novelist, 1939; Ruth Benedict, anthropologist. 1948; Count Folke Bernaulotte al Wisborg, soldier, humanitarian and diplomat, assassinated 1948; Dame Lilian Braithwaite, actress, 1948; Friedrich Adolf Paneth, chemist. 1958; Katherine Anne Porter, povelist, 1980; Richard Basebart, actor, 1984: Professor Sir Karl Ralmund

Popper, philosopher, 1994. On this day. Edinburgh was occupied by the Jacobites under the Young Pretender, 1745; the Constitution of the United States of America was signed. 1787; the frigates Briton and Togus, under Sir Thomas Staines and Captain Pipon, touched at Piteairn Island in the Pacific, and found the descendants of the Bounty mutineers, 1814; an English eccentric announced in a San Francisco newspaper that he had became Norton 1. Emperor of America, 1859; the Mont Cenis railway tunnel, Switzerland, opened, 1871; the Common wealth of Australia was proclaimed as a federal union of six colonies. 1900; the operetta l'Uttoria and Her Hussar was performed in London for the first time, 1931; the first long-playing records were demonstrated in New York, but the venture failed, 1931; Poland was invaded by the Soviet Union, 1939; the 1st British Airborne Division landed at Arnhem, Netherlands, 1944; the first meeting

Lithuania, North and South Korea, the Marshall Islands and Micronesia were admitted to the United Nations, 1991. Today is the Feast Day of St Columba of Coldena. St Francis of Camporosso, St Hildegard, St Lambert of Maastricht, St Peter Arbucs, St Robert Bellarmine, St Salyrus of Milan, Saints Socrates and Stephen and St Theochra.

Lectures

National Gallery: Alexander Sturgis, "Saint Michael (iii): Bermejo, Saint Michael Triumphant mer the Devil.

Victoria and Albert Museum: Olivia Callea, "Chinese Export Art".

Tate Gatlery: Elizabeth Aflen, "Mother and Child: George Rom-ney's Mrs Johnson and Her Son", Ipra. British Museum (British Library Lecture): Richard Barber, "The Holy Grail: object or ideal** 1.13pm. National Portrail Gallery: Honor Clark, "The New Early 3hh. century Galleries". L. filpm.

Helen Chadwick

A service to extehrate the life and work of Helen Chadwick (1953-1996) will be held at St Martin-in-the-Fields, Trafalgar Square, London WCL on Salunday 21 September 1906. at 11.30am.

Margaret Rawlings

A memorial service for Margaret Rawlings will be held on Thesday 15 October at St Paul's Church, Bedford Sircel. Covent Garden, London WC2, at 11.30am.

Luncheons Rotary Club of London

Mr Bill Cowen. President of the Rotary Club of London presided at a luncheon held vesterday at the Portman Hotel London WI. at which the Russian ambassador. Mr Anatoly Leonidovich Adamishum, was inducted as a men ber. Sir Sigmund Sternberg

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CITY & BUSINESS EDITOR: JEREMY WARNER

BA-American alliance may escape MMC

CHRIS GODSMARK and MICHAEL HARRISON

British Airways' alliance with American Airlines looks set to escape a referral to the Monopolies and Mergers Com-mission but it could still founder on the tough conditions regulators want to attach to the con-

troversial tie-up.

The Office of Fair Trading is preparing to tell ministers that the alliance, which would give BA and American up to 60 per cent of key transatlantic air routes, should not be sent to the

BA has made it clear that it will walk away from the alliance if it is referred. A lengthy investigation by the MMC could also scupper hopes of an open skies agreement being signed between Britain and the US because it is conditional on the al-

liance going ahead. Instead the OFT looks set to that the two carriers give up some of their lucrative take-off and landing slots at Heathrow. BA's chief executive, Robert Ayling, has insisted that the two carriers should not be forced to surrender slots as the price for regulatory approval.

But industry observers believe BA and American will have to give ground to accommodate BA, American and OFT offi-

Virgin Atlantic and United Airlines of the US.

Robert Crandall, the chairman of American Airlines, in Britain this week on a "hearts and minds" mission to win sup-port for the alliance, has floatport for the alliance, has floated the idea that the two carriers of its Heathrow slots. might lease slots at Heathrow to other carriers rather than give them up outright.

He is also promising to increase American's regional ser-vices from Manchester and Birmingham if the alliance is ap-proved. At present American flies only to Chicago from the two regional airports but would launch new services to Dallas. Miami and Los Angeles if the alliance is given the green light.

Mr Crandall saw the Deputy Prime Minister, Michael Heseltine, yesterday to argue American's case and flies back to Dallas at the end of the week.

The OFT's recommendaapprove the tie-up, on condition tions are expected to be passed to the President of the Board of Trade, Ian Lang, in the next 12 days, possibly as early as Friday. A decision oot to go for an MMC referral would represent a victory for the Department of Transport, which has given the alliance its broad backing.

Intense discussions between

the objections from rival carri-ers, led by Richard Branson's weeks aimed at finding a compromise acceptable to the two carriers without the need for an investigation by the MMC. The current stumbling block is thought to lie more with American, which is believed to be in-

> Separately, the regulatory hurdles which the alliance needs to clear became even more complex yesterday when the European transport commissioner, Neil Kinnock, said the EC's own investigation into airline alliances, begun after the BA-American announcement, would be unlikely to reach any conclusions until next year.

It would be very difficult before Christmas. There's a lot of information to be gathered and some of that information is not very easily available," said Mr

It also emerged that the Eu-ropean Commission has decid-ed to extend its inquiry further, casting further doubt on BA's aim of getting the alliance under way by next April.

The EC is already investi-

gating seven alliances between US and European carriers and is examining proposals by Unit-ed to transform existing links with Lufthansa and the Scandinavian carrier SAS into a trilateral partnership.



A long walt: Neil Kinnock says an EC Investigation is unlikely to reach a conclusion before next year

Protean shares plummet

NIC CICUTTI

Shares in Protean, the laboratory equipment and water purification specialist, plummeted rejected. by a third to 169p yesterday after the company warned that half-year profits were likely to drop because of problems at a

German subsidiary.
The shares fall wiped about £40m off Protean's market value to £70m following its warning that half-year profits to 30 September would be lower than

current market expectations. The company blamed management failures at DWA which compounded tougher trading conditions in the wake of German government spending cuts.

But Geoff Spink, managing director of Protean, said action was being taken to overcome the problem at DWA. A new managing director, Anita Sayer, had already replaced Armin Bechtel, the previous incumbent.

DWA, a water purification and renal dialysis business based near Heildelberg, was bought last year for £12.9m. Proean said at the time that the deal was aimed at entering the German market and expanding sales of its existing products. In

1994, DWA made profits of about £2m on sales of £9m. Mr Spink said: "We have essentially faced two problems. The first is that the German economy is facing cuts in pubiic spending as a result of what Chancellor Kohl has called spending 'deferrals'. DWA is heavily dependent on govern-

ment spending.
"The second problem is that our managing director was extremely good at strategic thinking but was unable to respond to the stimuli of what was happening to the economy."

In June, Protean reported a 37 per cent jump in full year pre-tax profits to £10.3m.

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Blenheim shares jump as on-off saga resumes

PATRICK TOOHER

The on-off takeover saga at Blenheim took another twist yesterday when the exhibitions . group confirmed it had received a further approach that may or may not lead to an offer for the company", albeit at rejected. Shares in Blenheim jumped

52.5p to 420p on the news, making them the day's best

performers in the FT-SE 250 index. They have been on a rollercoaster ride since takeover rumours first surfaced more than three months ago.

Blenheim made its latest statement in response to weekend press comment and added "a further announcement will be made when appropriate". Reed Elsevier, the Anglo-

Dutch publisher, is understood to have made a renewed bid approach to Blenheim, only three talks were terminated.

Reed is reported to have if any common ground could be. gaged in talks. reached on a price for an agreed takeover. Last mouth Blenheim called

off talks with Reed and with Lord Hollick's United News & Media, saying it had received no discussions. proposals it could recommend to shareholders.

However, United is said to was thought to be biding its time

weeks after previous takeover have continued negotiations with Blenheim, though neither United nor Reed has ever forheld talks with Blenheim to see mally admitted they were en-

> Reed's latest move appears to be an attempt to try to wrongfoot United. "It's got to the stage where it is the last one to

Previously Reed, which entered the fray after United, els when the talks were broken

in the hope that Blenheim's chairman, Neville Buch, would drop his asking price, said to be a bid worth at least 490p a share,

the height of the bid speculation at the beginning of June, having run up from as low as 250p mours, but they collapsed by more than 100p to pre-bid lev-

agreed as 40 per cent of Blenheim's shares are controlled by the directors and valuing the company at £500m. Generale des Eaux, the French. Blenheim shares hit 458p at water company

Unlike its last announcement, when it described its stick at £29bn this year and next first-half performance as strong. | - the same as in 1995-96. Blenheim gave no indication o current trading.

Any deal would have to be

Interim results for the six months to June are expected on 2 October.



On target: Eddle George rejects fears of discrimination

George reassures banks on EMU

PETER RODGERS Financial Editor

Attempts to discriminate against London banks if Britain stayed out of monetary union would contravene single market legislation and European union competition law, Eddie George, Governor of the Bank of England, warned yesterday.

Mr George was launching an attack on proposals by France and Germany that would restrict access by countries outside the single currency area to a new interbank clearing system called

Target, which will handle curos. However, he rejected City suggestions that discrimination would cause serious damage to

the competitive position of British banks, saying that there were many alternative routes they could use to clear funds in euros, bypassing Target. The issue was not a "showstopper"

for the City of London. Mr George also made clear that he believed the City would benefit from a single currency whether or not Britain joined

monetary union. He took this view, not because London would steal business from Frankfurt and Paris, but because an enlarged currency block based on the German mark would stimulate

extra activity in the financial system, benefiting everybody.

Mr George said: "Provided we are properly prepared, as we will be, the opportunities for the stantaneously between banks, City far outweigh the risks, and that is true whether we are in or out."

He also reiterated his longstanding view that Britain was an unlikely candidate for participation in the start of mone-

Introducing the bank's second progress report on preparations for monetary union, Mr George insisted that the argument over Target was an issue

of principle. He said that the Bank of England was keen to encourage use of Target because it was a real time settlement system for

euros, in which large money

stantaneously between banks, rather than at the end of each working day.

Real time settlement re-

moves the risk that the failure of one bank will bring down many others in a domino series of collapses. British banks have already adopted a real time settlement system for sterling and most countries are moving in the same direction.

Mr George said that the Bank was only demanding access to Target on equal terms during the trading day, not ask-ing to be allowed to participate in overnight lending using

Comment, page 19 | morning.

PSBR nerves hold back **Footsie**

DIANE COYLE **Economics Editor**

An attack of nerves about figures for government borrowing due today and retail sales tomorrow prevented the FT-SE 100 index from passing the symbolic 4,000 level.

Shares in London, however, still managed to set another record, closing up just over 9 points at 3,977.2 in very light trading. But this week's economic statistics are expected to be less encouraging than the recent run of indica-tors pointing to rapid growth with low inflation.

Analysts expect today's figure for the public sector borrowing requirement in August to amount to more than £4bn following a surprise repayment of £1.7bn in July. And recent surveys suggest that official figures for retail sales last month will rebound.

The gap between government revenues and spending has been scarcely any lower this financial year than last year. The reason for the disappointing performance has been expenditure growth running at more than twice the rate needed to hit this year's target. Many City experts reckon this year's PSBR will exceed the Treasury's £27bn forecast.

Yet the indications are that Kenneth Clarke, Chancellor of the Exchequer, is looking to cut more than £3bn from existing spending plans to announce tax cuts in November's Budget. A freeze on the public sector pay bill for the fourth year running is also likely.

Leo Doyle, an economist at investment bank Kleinwort Benson said: "Existing plans are already really tough. When they take off another few billions in the Budget, it will be very difficult to deliver." He predicted that the PSBR would

Other City experts are more optimistic. Ciarán Barr at Deutsche Morgan Grenfell said: "Spending has slipped but I think they will manage to

restrain it." He also predicted that rapid growth in tax revenues, due to consumer spending picking up. would come as a pleasant

surprise.
The financial markets are likely to remain on edge until after next Tuesday's meeting of the Federal Open Market

Committee. The risk of an increase in US interest rates can not be completely ruled out despite last week's unexpectedly low in-

flation figures. Industrial production and capacity figures due today are known to be closely watched by the Fed. Analysis expect the year-on-year growth in output to fall to just over 3 per cent

higher growth. The Dow Jones industrials index was more than 36 points higher at 5,874.77 by late

and would be alarmed by

South West Trains managing director quits

CHRISTIAN WOLMAR Transport Correspondent

The managing director of South West Trains has left the company after a reorganisation by Stage-coach which won the franchise

Peter Field, who originally led a rival management buyout bid for SWT with CGEA, the French transport company, has been ousted after only seven months in the job and terminated his employment by

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mutual agreement" last week. Stagecoach said the reason for Mr Field's departure was the reorganisation of the company into four divisions - UK bus, train leasing, overseas and train operations which includes South West Trains. Mr Field's role has been taken over by Brian Cox, who will carry out the task in conjunction with his previous role as chairman of SWE Mr Cox is on the board of the parent company and used to be managing director of Stagecoach South.

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The fact that Stagecoach has won only one very small fran-chise, the Island Line on the Isle of Wight, in addition to its initial success with SWT, means the company felt it had too many managers in its fledgling train

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While the company said that SWT had performed well, City sources suggested there had also been some concern at

chise term. Soon after Stagecoach took over, about 150 of the 4,000 staff were made redundant but SWI's failure to bring down since then efforts to bring down costs quickly enough to meet its staff nu own operous profitability targets. stymied.

Under the agreement with the franchising director, Stage-coach will receive £60m of subfor productivity deals have not yet been finalised, although sidy in its first year compared with £63.5m, which BR would ticket office staff are voting on a deal which will reduce numbers without the need for comhave received, and the amount pulsory redundancies. of support declines to £40m by the end of the seven-year fran-Mr Field said last night: "I

have left the company by mutual agreement. There are no skeletons in the cupboard. The company is in a very healthy state. My departure was simply the result of the reorganisation." staff numbers have been

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TOM STEVENSON

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The long-awaited sale of Signet's two UK jewellery businesses, H Samuel and Ernest Jones, to the venture capital group Apax Partners has been delayed because of complex negotiations over property leases on the chains' more than 600 shops-Details of a sale had been expected about now but completion has been put on hold until a formula can be agreed to

liability regarding the leases. The issue was given added urgency recently when Sears closed 200 shoe shops returned

to it after the collapse of Facia. the company to which it had previously sold them. Under British property law, responsi-bility for the leases on buildings reverts to the original lessee in the event of a default by a party to which they have subsequently been assigned. Signet is determined not to

face any similar liability when it British commercial properties He was speaking as the group, finally pulls out of UK retailing of up to 25 years, compared to formerly known as Ratners, as it amounced it planned to do last January. The proposed £280m sale of H Samuel and Ernest Jones, forced on the company by crippling debts, will reduce Signet to its American chain Sterling and a move of headquarters to the US is ex-

pected to follow the deal. The rules on lease assignments have come in for heavy criticism in recent years. Thanks to the unusually long leases on

under ten in many continental markets, businesses can find themselves responsible for leases on properties they vacated years previously.

James McAdam, chairman of Signet, remained tight-lipped on the sale yesterday, saying only that "discussions have taken place with a number of interested parties and are still continuing with one potential

announced a two-thirds reduction in its first half loss after a 7 per cent increase in like for like sales. Emest Jones gave the strongest showing, with an 18 per cent improvement in com-

parable turnover, At the operating level Signet reported its first interim profit since 1990, reversing a £2.9m loss into a £10m profit. After interest payments on the group's

He was speaking as the group, tax loss emerged at £6m compared with a £21.3m deficit a year ago. There was no dividend on either Signet's preference or ordinary shares.

Mr McAdam said: "The group has been trading well and the much improved results for the half year are encouraging. We now need to maintain the good progress and prepare for the all important Thanksgiving and Christmas trading periods."

Still unclear is the possible involvement after an Apax ac-

quisition of rival jeweller Goldsmiths, which has made no secret of merging its operations with Ernest Jones believing it could squeeze sizeable rationalisation benefits out of a deal.

In receot weeks attention has shifted to a possible managemed buyout of Ernest Jones and H Samuel, backed by Apax. A plan for Apar to buy a large stake in Goldsmiths and then merge its business with Ernest Jones appears to have been

criminal

MICHAEL HARRISON

The crisis at Olivetti took a new twist yesterday as Francesco Caio, chief executive of the emhattled Italian computer group, was named in a criminal investigation into allegations that its management had falsi-fied first-half results.

News of the investigation by prosecutors hased in Ivrea, home of Olivetti's headquarters, sent its shares plunging to a new low and forced Italian stock market regulators to suspend dealings for the third time in a

fortnight. By the time the shares were suspended they had fallen by 10 per cent to 516 lire. Two attempts to lift the suspension and resume trading in the shares

The market was also unnerved by Olivetti's abrupt can-cellation of planned meetings between Mr Caio and investors in Milan and London to reassure them of the company's figture and financial position.

Between 30 and 40 per cent of the shares are held in London by institutional investors. The in the who took part in a £913m rescuc rights issue by Olivetti last December.

Olivetti said that the meetings would now take place at the end of September when it formally publishes its first half results.

But the markets were unimpressed. "Watching Olivetti is like watching Dallas," said one Italian equity trader. "Every day there is a new sorry episode." Mr Caio, who took over the

running of the company after the resignation of its longstanding chairman Carlo De Benedetti, was added to the list of executives being investigated by two Italian judges who are examining whether the first-balf accounts, showing losses of 440bn lire were falsified. The crisis crupted when Ren-

zo Francesconi quit as chief financial officier of Olivetti three 22 1995 15 13 weeks ago alleging that the extent of the group's losses had been disguised. He had only been at Olivetti for six weel

The Italian stock market watchdog. Consob. promptly. launched an investigation and it is still unclear whether company has answered all its ques-

Mr Francesconi was interviewed by the prosecutors for nine hours last week.

He has stuck by his claims . even though Olivetti has threat-

ened legal action against him. The criminal investigation is just one of several inquiries facing Olivetti.

It has been called before the Italian industry ministry and last week Mr Caio faced questioning by the industry com-mittee of Italy's lower house, the senate.



world's biggest producer of kaolin, is to launch another round of restructuring and could cut its dividend after being hammered by de-stocking in the paper industry, its main

The company yesterday announced that pre-tax profits crashed from £55.3m to just £5.7m in the six months to June as volumes sank by as much as

The interim dividend is be-Lawrence Urqubart, chairman, warned that a decision on the final payment would not be ter his predecessor, Andrew Teare, moved over to take the when trading trends become clearer and a comprehensive strategic review begun early in 1996 was completed.

However, as part of the initial phase of the restructuring plan the group announced its intention to cut another £30m of costs in its kaolin husiness, which Dennis Rediker, the new chief executive, said would tive" in the world market.

Shares in the group slid 10p to 216,5p as brokers factored chines", he said, after a "false

One analyst said: "I think its pretty disheartening for investors not to be given a clearer picture. Quite honestly, nobody cared too much about the level of operating profits [in the half year] ... What has disappointed people is that there have been no clear indications as to future strategy and clear indications of future

dividend policy."

Mr Rediker only took over reins at the Rank leisure and amusements group. He said the collapse in profits was driven by a 21 per cent drop involumes to the European paper industry and an 11 per cent fall in North

America. Profits in Europe crumpled from £33.2m to £21.5m, while in North America they were down from make us "very, very competi- £19.5m to £12.1m. The problem was that the paper industry "wasn't running their ma-

and into 1996 in the expectation of a good market which did not come through. "There was just no place to put the paper.... The pipeline was full right back from the printer to the papermaker."

The half year figures bore an £18.6m charge for writing down or writing off underperforming calcium carbonate or kaolin assets in Korea, Continental Europe and Brazil. Mr Rediker warned that, although the operational review was not completed, to give it "some sense of proportion" they could see the need to cut costs in the kaolin business around the world by a further £30m.

The full-year profits would bear a charge for the move, but he could not say how much or bow many redundancies would be involved.

The latest figures were also hit by an unprofitable three year contract entered into by previous management at the Calgon speciality chemicals operation to supply the Scott Paper Company in the US. Margins in speciality chemicals fell from 7.8 per cent to 1.1 per cent in the half year, but would have been akin to the 3.4 per



contract, against which a provision has been made, Mr he added.

cent achieved in the second ready wrought a "dramatic" kaolin manufacturing plant kaolin sources in Brazil and balf of 1995 without the Scott turnround in the business, but and with start up costs in a new from cheaper calcium

too late to save these figures, calciner plant making high quality kaolin, also in the US. Rediker said. New manage— In addition, ECC has had to But analysts; say it faces—the full year would leave last ment at the husiness had al- cope with problems in its US—growing competition from new—year's dividend uncovered

carbonate.

Profits forecast at £55m for

Independent eyes NZ takeover

CHRIS GODSMARK **Business Correspondent**

Independent Newspapers, the Irish newspaper group run by Dr Tony O'Reilly, yesterday moved to extend its global ambitions with its largest ever takeover bid, a IR£442m (£460m) offer for Wilson & Horton, New Zealand's largest newspaper company. Wilson & Horton runs the

New Zealand Daily Herald.

minster Press, the regional newsthe country's most popular newspaper with a daily circula-tion of 260,000 copies and runs paper interests of the media con-Imerate Pearson. Westminster went under the hammer in July several magazines. Indepenfor £305m to Newsquest, the re-gional publishing group. The latest cash offer values dent Newspapers gained effective control of 45 per cent of Wilson & Horton a year ago

Wilson & Horton shares at NZ\$10.50 (£4.67), with a paper though a subsidiary company, Independent Press Communialternative in the form of IPCL cations (IPCL). preference shares which would then be listed on the New Zealand stock exchange. It would be funded partly by a The bid, which had been widely rumoured, follows Dr O'Reilly's failed attempt along with Mirror Group to take over West-

IR£400m borrowing facility which has been arranged. Ear-lier this year Independent raised IR£106 from shareholders in a rights issue.

About one-fifth of the remaining 55 per cent of the shares not already owned by IPCL are held by New Zealand institutions, with most of the rest in the hands of private investors. Wilson & Horton shareholders have until 8 November to approve the deal. interim pre-tax profits, before Montgomery made a profit of

Montgomery exercises options

made a profit of £608,000 by exercising share options.

The company - which controls 46 per cent of News-paper Publishing, owner of the ndependent and Independent on Sunday - said yesterday that Mr Montgomery carried ont the transaction last Friday, two days after the announcement of

ional costs, of £39m. Mr Montgomery exercised David Montgomery, chief options over 400,000 shares executive of Mirror Group, has granted at 61p on 23 October granted at 61p on 23 October 1992 and sold them at 213p a share: He also sold 150,000 ex-

isting shares at the same price. The company added that Mr Montgomery retains options over 579,409 shares at 61p and options over 163,755 at 229p, and also has a holding of 50,999 shares in the company.

In March of this year, Mr

shares the day after Mirror Group reported 1995 pre-tax At last Wednesday's interim

and sold options on 500,000

results announcement. Mr Montgomery said that the com-pany was "an efficiently run media business capable of

further expansion".

Shareholders were told that they would receive a 12.5 per cent rise in the interim dividend to 1.35p.

of his departure, apparently came unstuck because of a series of disappointments in Sony's 1996 film line-up

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More disasters on the big screen for Sony

DAVID USBORNE

Sony was contemplating the wreckage yesterday from a turbulent few days at its film turbulent few days at its film division which saw the ousting of Mark Canton as chairman of its Columbia TriStar pictures business, and a thoroughly public and embarrassing rejection of an offer to take the newly vacant job from Arnold Riftin, a top Los Angeles talent agent.

Angeles talent agent.

Mr Canton's responsibilities have been handed over in the meantime to Lucy Fisher, a 46-year-old Sony executive who joined Columbia TriStar as a vice chairman only six months ago. Concerned for the welfare of her three daughters, Ms Fisher has made it plain that she does not want to take on Mr Canton's old title or the full weight of his former joh, however.

The dramas are only the latest chapter in Sony's thoroughly troubled interlude in Hollywood, which began with the late-1989 purchase of Columbia Studios for almost \$5bn (£3.2bn). In 1994, after a particularly bad year at the box of-

\$2.7bn from its investment. In its search for profits and stability, Sony has also suffered an unusually high turnover of senior

The demise of Mr Canton is firing renewed speculation that the president of the Sony group, Idei Nobuyuki, may eventually be forced into at least a partial retreat from Hollywood, cither by making a public offering, seeking a partner or selling his studios outright to a competitor. Mr Canton, who is yet to ne-

gotiate the terms of his departure, apparently came unstuck because of a series of disappointments in Sony's 1996 film line-up. Most painful for the studio was the relatively poor performance of the film Cable Guy, conceived as a vehicle for the comedian Jim Carrey. There was collective shock in Hollywood when Sony agreed to pay Mr Carrey \$20m for that single

Other flops this year have in-cluded The Fan and Multiplicity. The studio is none the less believed to have a fairly promising line-up for the coming

fice, Sony was forced to write off months and can boast the two top films in the US box office charts this last weekend: Macimum Risk and Fly Away

> The offer of Mr Canton's job to Mr Rifkin was made by Alan Levine, the president of Sony Pictures. In a humiliating re-buttal, however, Mr Rilkin, who is the top talent agent at the William Morris Agency, turned it down in favour of a new, and presumably newly lucrative, salary at the agency. Some observers believe that

> the Mr Levine may also find his job loosened by the unhappy episode, even though he has en-joyed the consistent support of Mr Nobuyuki in the past. The word is also out among analysts that Jeff Sagansky, the executive vice president of Sony Corp of America, based in New York, may also be negotiating to jump

Last December saw the sudden departure of Michael Schulhof, president of the group's US operations. He was also seen as the victim of a series of studio flops, the most notable of them,

Early exit: Mark Canton, who is yet to negotiate the terms

Bayer and Roche plan OTC merger in US

MAGNUS GRIMOND

Bayer, the German drugs and chemicals group, plans to merge its US over-the-counter drugs operation with Swiss rivals Roche. The deal, Bayer said. would add at least \$20tim (£129m) to its OTC business next year.

The merger, unveiled yes-terday, involves the formation

and women's health formulations. The combined entity is expected to have sales of \$275m in its early years, although Bay-er's asprin will not be sold by the new entity.

It is just two years since Bay-er paid SmithKline Beecham \$1bn to buy back the right to use its brand name in North Amer-

of a 50-5tt joint venture to mar-ket non-prescription analyssics ica, seized by the US govern-ment during the First World War. Bayer will handle sales and marketing in the venture, which the German group claimed would now be a contender for third place amongst over-thecounter groups in US "and will compete even more significantly in the US OTC analgesic

Growth is being propelled by the trend to "self-medication" and the desire by insurance companies and governments to cut health costs.

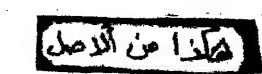
The venture will include Roche's Aleve analgesic and Femstat 3 for vaginal yeast inlections, which Bayer said would That market is estimated to add at least \$200m to sales of

be worth around \$12.5bn or a quarter of the world's total, worth \$600m in 1995. Bayer products to be sold by the new venture will include Actron and analgesics, Midol Mycelex-7 vaginal yeast infection treatment. Other big Bayer brands such as Alka-Seltzer, Alka-Selizer Plus, One-A-Day and Flinistones vitamids will be excluded from the grai.

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Why PDFM is right to leave the bull party early

Arriving late and leaving early may not be quite the thing for the hardened parture of the parture of the hardened parture of ty-goer, hut at least you live longer if you follow this horingly sensible way of doing things. The same is true of investment. The most consistently successful traders are those who jump aboard the trend only once well established, and then hop off long before it hreaks. Arrive early and you risk ridicule, awkwardness and even the possihility that out of fustration and horedom, you'll leave before the party gets properly underway. Leave late and you are all too likely to get caught up in the party's drunken,

and usually hitter end.

By following the party-pooper's approach you miss out on the bonanza element of the upswing, hut if you intend to be around for the long term, you're going to have a much better time of it. Hardly anyone gets their timing spot on more than once. Which is why the approach being adopted by Phillips & Drew Fund Management is so interest. ing. Some months ago it advised clients to go liquid; more than 15 per cent of its nonproperty funds are now in cash. This may not sound like much, but for pension fund money it is pretty much upprecedented. As the FT-SE 100 share index soars to within spitting distance of the 4,000 mark, PDFM stands accused of getting its timing funda-

took the view some while back that valuations, here and more particularly on Wall Street, had become dangerously high. Every instinct tells you that he is right, that what we are witnessing is the last throws of the bull market. The question is not whether it is coing to fell but rates and how much fire is going to fall but when and how much further it's got to rise before it does. To support the bull case for equities, you have to believe the economy has changed fundamentally for the better, here and in the US. In other words, you have to believe that growth will continue to outstrip inflation into the indefinite future. Furthermore, you have to believe that corporate profits will continue the trend of recent years of taking an ever larger share of any wealth created. While these rends might continue for a couple more years hence, it requires a tremendous leap of faith to think they'll persist any long than that. The job of the mar-ket is to anticipate the future. PDFM is

Crossed lines on rail sell-off

Before he embarked, misguidely as it transpires, on his return trip to merchant banking, John MacGregor gave the uation rail privation. The bank he quit politics mentally wrong.

Time will tell, but it seems more than possible that the last laugh will belong to Tony

Dye. PDFM's astute head of investment.

Dispires, on his return trip to inerthant banking, John MacGregor gave the uation rail privatisation. The bank he quit politics to rejoin, Hill Samuel, is now defunct in all

doing the right thing in leaving early.

The world of private railways, meanwhile steams on. But the Government's original intention of creating a new competitive railway by breaking BR into a thousand tiny pieces is looking more clapped out by the day. The disclosure that the Japanese bank Nomura is looking around for a train operating company to add to its existing rolling stock leasing business, Angel Train Coo-tracts, is as clear an illustration as you could get of the way the industry is consolidating.

has been completed. Mr MacGregor and his advisers around at the Department of Transport always assumed that the privatisation of BR would be followed by the eventual emergence of a handful of large and powerful groups operating more than one Train Operating

even before the process of dismantling it

Company (TOC).
What they had not reckoned on is the sort of vertical integration we are now witnessing with Nomura's plan to get into the business of running trains as well as leasing them. This is not a dastardly or exclusively Japanese plot to colonise the railways Brian Souter's Stagecoach got there first by picking up two passenger franchises, serving notice that it planned to hid for the remaining 12, and theo swooping to huy one of the other rolling stock companies, Porterbrook Leasing.

their rolling stock husinesses with captive markets wheo their fixed term contracts with the TOCs begin to expire. The Japanese have watched Mr Souter wriggle free from more OFT and MMC investigations than most of us have had British Rail breakfasts and are working on the assumption that his Stagecoach-Porterbrook deal will also escape the clutches of the competition authorities.

If rail privatisation is to have any credibility then it is important that Mr Mac-Gregor's successors in government prove the Japanese wrong.

George keeps his eye on EMU Target

Of all the arguments about mocetary union to have hit the headlines recently, the row over the Target clearing system for the new currency is the most obscure. In a nutshell, if we do not join monetary union, our banks may find themselves the victims

French and Germans banks have been urging their governments to deny British banks full participation in Target so as to help them grah market share from London. Eddie George, Governor of the Bank of England, thinks it a shabby tactic, but at the same time he does't helieve it will have I top at the ECB.

The idea behind these vertically inte- | much impact even if it succeeds, hecause grated railway groups is clear - to furnish there are so many alternative ways of has long been the dominant offshore eeotre for dollars, without access to the Fed-

erai Reserve. But let's accept it does disadvantage London a bit. Those who worry about the City's standing if Britain stays out should take heart from another area of the financial system, where London has the whip hand over its Continental rivals. This is the question of whether the European Central Bank will use reserve requirements as a tool of monetary control, as envisaged in its

statutes. The idea is that banks are made to deposit funds with the central hank at below market rates, as a way of curbing the money supply without raising interest rates.

The Bank of England strongly dissapproves of this approach, for not only is it less effective than interest rates, it also amoonts to a tax on banks. Germany has found that its use of reserve requirements has simply driven Deutschmark banking business to free

wheeling Luxembourg.

If the European Central Bank attempts to use reserve requirements to controt the to use reserve requirements to control the Euro, and Britain stays out of EMU, there would almost certainly he a huge and lucrative flight of banking business to London. The City should be praying that the advocates of research requirements come out on cates of reserve requirements come out on

IN BRIEF

European unemployment declines

There were 17.9 million unemployed in the EU in June. The pan-European unemployment rate edged down to 10.7 per cent in July from 10.9 per ceot in March, returning to the same level as a year earlier.

Unemployment has been declining steadily for two to three years in Denmark, the UK, Spain and Finland. In recent months it has also been coming down in Belgium, the Netherlands and Portugal, But rates are noticeably higher than a year ago in Germany (g.9 per cent this July compared to 8.1 per cent last year) and France (11.7 per cent versus 11.2 per cent).

Conoco starts production at Scottish field

The oil and gas group Conoco has started production at its Banff field off the east coast of Scotland just 10 months after getting development approval from the Government. Coooco, which is working in partnership with Ranger Oil, said production from Banff's two wells started yesterday and would be stepped up into full scale output in six mooths time. A spokesman declined to reveal the cost of the development at Bauff, which was first dis-

Multimedia boosts Dorling Kindersley

Strong growth in sales of multimedia publications helped Dorling Kindersley to a 37 per cent increase in pre-tax profits in the year to Juoe from £12.7m to £17.4m. More than three-quarters of the company's £174m sales, up 26 per cent, were struck overseas, with the US being the strongest market, although Peter Kindersley warned that the US retail market for multimedia products was a grown challenging than in the past. The shares closed ucts was "more challenging than in the past". The shares closed

Morgan Crucible hints at disposals

Morgan Crucible, the carbon brushes to speciality chemicals group, said it was continuing to look for acquisitions in its speciality chemicals operation and hinted at further disposals. Analysis suggested the precisioo eogineering and Laser Diode defence electronics businesses, now hack in profit, were the most likely candidates

The group shrugged off the General Motors strike in the US and patchy cooditions in Europe to record a strong rise in first-half profits, which rose from £42m to £51.4m in the six mooths

Operating profits up £15 per cent to £57.6m included £2.4m from Carl Noite, a German crucible maker, and Magna, a Hong Kong speciality chemicals operation, acquired this year. The interim divideod rises 5.6 per cent to 6.6p. The group said it was still on target to achieve close to 15 per cent margins by 100g

Interim profit rise at Travis Perkins

Travis Perkins, the builders' merchant, saw pre-tax profits rise to £17.2m from £16.9m in the half-year to June. Tony Travis, the chairman, said housing starts conduced to fall in the first half, but more recently mortages approvals not recently mortages approvals not recently mortages. receotly mortgage approvals, net reservations of oew homes and housing transactions had all increased.

"While these improvements have yet to result in any signifi-cant improvement in demand for building materials, they offer some encouragement for the future," he added.

Whittard of Chelsea to open more stores

Maiden full-year figures from Whittard of Chelsea, the tea and coffee retailer that floated oo the Alternative Investment Market in June, emerged in line with expectations with a 39 per cent in the color of the co rise in sales to £21.8m producing a 37 per cent profits increase

Four new shops have opened in London since June and new openings mean the chain now has 26 outlets in Japan. The shares closed unchanged at 145.5p.

Caradon bolsters German link

Caradoo bought an additional 84,244 shares in Weru for DM56.4m (£24m), taking its shareholding to 64.8 per cent. Since the acquisition by Caradon of its initial 50.1 per cent holding in1995, the acquisition by Caradon of its initial 50.1 per cent holding in1995, where has developed as Caradoo's principal Continental European business in doors and windows. Caradon said it aimed to pean business in Weru.

Blacks Leisure appoints finance director

Blacks Leisure, the sportswear retailer, said it has appointed David.

Smith as group finance director. Prior to his appointment, Mr.

Smith spent five years with Speedo, the swimwear brand owned by Pentland, initially as finance director of Speedo Europe and latterly as senior vice president of Speedo International.

House building downturn at Redrow

Redrow reported a drop in profits from the housebuilder's continuing operations in the year to June. They fell to £26.5m from 130.1m, mainly due to what executive chairman Steve Morgan called "extremely difficult" trading conditions in the first half, called "extremely difficult" trading conditions in the first half. But the improvement in the housing market witnessed during the spring had continued, he noted, and profits should advance this year.

Liffe and LCE merge

The London International Financial Futures and Options Exchange (Liffe) and the London Commodity Exchange (LCE) began operating as a merged market yesterday with unified administration, exchange systems and clearing arrangements

Liffe's chairman, Jack Wigglesworth, said: "The merger of Liffe and the LCE today creates the only exchange in the world to offer trading in futures and options on financial agricultures." and the LCE today creates the only exchange in the world to offer trading in futures and options on financial, agricultural, soft commodity and equity index products, as well as options on individual equities, and so strengthens London's position as Europe's leading financial centre.

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Hays benefits from winning formula in niche markets

Another set of sparkling figures from Hays yesterday will have some Christian Salvesen shareholders ming the sentimental attachment of that company's controlling family to its independence. In a difficult logistics market that has claimed its fair share of scalps in recent years,

Hays cléarly has a winning formula. Profits in the 12 months to June were up an impressive 20 per cent to £132m, in line with expectations and leading to a similar rise in earnings per share to 8.1p and a useful 16 per cent dividend hike to 8.1p. Rather churlishly, the shares shed a

couple of pence on confirmation of the good result to close at 479p. Part of Hays' strength lies in its leading position in attractive niches of the distribution market, which for many of its peers has become uncomfortably competitive since the fat-margin days of the 1980s ended

for good in the last recession. Hays also benefits from three distinct areas of operations which smooths the ups and downs in any one. Some observers view Hays rather heavy dependence on personnel and recruitment business as a minus, but with strong brand names such as Accountancy Personnel it is well placed to ride out

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In the distribution core which ac-counts for more than half of sales and almost half of profits, there was an expected slowdown after record levels last year in the UK and Europe, Again a strong position in the chem-

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E67m to £36.4m in the six months to ... With the £7.8m sale of businesses saw profits in 10 per care. ered a comfortable 20 times.

With analysts happy to leave their forecasts unchanged for the current year at about £150m, everything seems set fair. Sadly, on a prospec-tive price/earnings ratio of 19 it is in the price. Hold.

Laporte strips for action

Jim Leng arrived as chief executive of Laporte a year ago with a bang, quickly clearing out the chemicals company's old guard and issuing a profits warning. His actions raised

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more sales to come, and the new Laporte is already looking a lot more

Now focused on businesses such as electronics and fine chemicals, where management expects growth rates of at least 45 per cent, or where it has leading market positions, like water technology, the group is well placed to grow. Mr Leng puts the natural rate of growth at 4-6 per cent, before any cohangement that can be before any enhancement that can be squeezed from mix, price and further cost savings, expected to be £10m

The only problem area in the halfyear was speciality organic chemicals, used in pharmaceuticals and polymers, where profits slid from £14.2m to £8.9m. A big contract with BASF ended and Laporte, a supplier to Glaso Wellcome, will be hit when the drugs group's best-selling Zantac comes off patent in March. Even so, and with the shares on a

is better than for many in the sec-tor and an expected sale of the old Evode adhesives and scalants businesses would provide a fillip. Hold.

Dalgety dogged by food scares

It's been a pig of a year for pet food giant Dalgety. Up until March it had to wrestle with soaring cereal and soya prices, which have been rising faster than at any time since the 1970s. Then the BSE crisis struck. Exports of petfoods from the UK into Continental Europe were banned, ingredient sales were hit. while stock containing meat and bone meal had to be written off.

All told BSE cost Dalgety £15m - £10m less than indicated three months ago - but Dalgety is confident no further "mad cow" provisions will be needed now that manufacturing has been rescheduled and products reformulated. -Another £5m was lost as a result of

Holland involving a dry petfood that killed 330 cats and, to cap it all, local vielding 8.3 per cent. Avoid.

objections forced Dalgety's subsi-diary, the Pig Improvement Company, to drop plans to build Britain's biggest As all of this was while the £465m acquisition of Quaker's European petfood husiness was being bedder down it is easy to see why Dalgety chief executive Richard Clothier described the year to June as "char-

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scribed the year to June as "cnaracter forming to say the least".

Excluding one off items, pre-tax
profits fell by a fifth to £102m, including £52.7m (£33.4m) of Quaker
reorganisation costs. Adding back the

EAA Am gained on the discussed of the f64.4m gained on the disposal of the Golden Wonder bagged snacks business restricted the pre-tax setback to 4 per cent, to £89.6m. The uncovered dividend was held at 22p.

Mr Clothier remains convinced that buying Quaker's European petfood husiness was the right strategic move. Maybe, but apart from Felix, the old Spillers perfood business is struggling against stiff competition from Mars and Nestlé.

Worse, the Quaker deal has boosted petfood profits by less than £10m to £36.1m - a poor return on the £550m, including £84m of restruc-turing costs, shareholders forked out. Profits of £120m in 1997 would put

BUSINESS & PEOPLE Cook's guide for property world

Iain Watters, executive chairman of MPEC, has every reason to look pleased with himself as he tucks into his favourite Sunday lunch, foie gras at Cliveden, the country house retreat.

The property chief has gone on a sponsored slim for charity and has shed 13.6 kilos from his former 115.4 kilo-self.

Now Mr Watters has teamed up with Derek Penfold, a journalist, to compile a book of top property peoples' favourite eating habits. Mr Watters has written to a number of leading lights in the property world asking for a minimum of £1,000 sponsorship and a contribution to the book as well.

The funds raised will be for Centrepoint, the charity which helps London's home-

less young people.
The newly trim Mr Watters says: "This book will virtually be a who's who of the property world - as well as an inv able guide to the sort of dish you should serve up at your next networking opportunity.

So it looks like carrot juice and nut cutlets all round at your next property dinner. Better take a sandwich.

Michael Hicks, head of UK sales trading at Société Générale Strauss Turnbull Securities, is so superstitious he makes Mystic Mcg look like a professor of Logical Positivism.

Mr Hicks has made a rule of never going to work on Fri-day the thirteenth, believing it to be bad luck. Last Friday he stayed away and was instead involved in a car crash.

The Hicks dread of the date has a good pedigree. He say: "Once I lost a lot of money at poker. Another time I crashed into a horse at night. Then there was the hotel room numbered 12a at Gatwick which should have been numbered 13, where we were delayed

And so on and on. But last Friday his caution was to no avail. He had agreed to drop his wife off to liver some material for the local WI. "I parked the car in the thoroughfare. I had the radio on, I picked up the new copy of Punch - and then a

woman with a tow bar on her car ran into the front, she bashed in my front bumper

and broke the number plate. The ill-fated Mr Hicks continues: "We started to argue and a crowd started to assemble, Finally I got away and went to have a cup of tea. I was shaking with anger. Then the tea shop told me they had just stopped serving.

Something tells me a : lucrative career on the telly awaits Mr Hicks if he ever tires of equities.

There's a certain amount of stirring in the dovecots over at 10 Lombard Street, heard office of Lloyds TSB, where the rumour is that Sir Brian Pitman is about to he promoted from group chief executive to chairman.

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Sir Brian has done a much better job than Margaret Thatcher of going on and on



Dosh for nosh: lain Watters, fundraising for Centrepoint

and on. He has been asked by the bank's board to stay on as group boss twice, despite being well past the normal Lloyds retirement age of 60.

He will he 65 in December. The rumours have been stoked by a board meeting. due on Friday. The present chairman, Sir Robin Ibbs, is leaving next spring and the banking fraternity is agog at who will try to fill Sir Brian's shoes if he does ascend to the chairmanship.

The two deputy group chief executives, Peter Ellwood and Alan Moore, are in the running, while Archie Norman of Asda has been mentioned as an outsider. How about Richard Branson?

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Assety (I)	149m (114m)	3.57m (1.74m)	7.4p (4.1p)	3p (2.4p)
Aries (1)	15.Gm (14.6m)	1.78m (1.53m)	1.6p (1.4p)	0 4p (0.2p)
Carlisie Group (1)	1.17m (2.61m)	9.01m (-3,49m)	-0.01a (-1.8p)	- (-)
City Technology (F)	0.77m (16 0m)	1.41m (6 17m)	5.4p (8.57p)	- (-)
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Delphi Group (I)	- (-)	5.7m (4 1m)	15.1p (11.7p)	2p (1.5p)
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Dorling Kindersley (F)	174m (139m)	17.4m (12.7m)	15.7p (12.3p)	4.5p (3.9p)
Easynet Group (I)	9 63 m (0.13m)	-0.24m (-0.10n	n) -1.7p (-1.76p)	- (-)
EIS Group (I)	266m (197m)	11.3m (9 49m)	14.4p (14p)	3.6p (3.5p)
English Chica Clays(i)	430m (455m)	5.70m (55.3m)		
James Fisher (I)	11.7m (14.4m)	2.79m (1.53m)		1p (0.5p)
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Horman Hay (T)	4.03m (4.28m)	9.08m (9.05m		-(-)
Herace Small Apparel (I)	42.9m (34.5m)	1.08m (0.86m		rdl (-)
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Rynock Group (I)	7.23m (6.59m)	0.25m (-0.18r	m) 1p (-1.1p)	- (-)
Laporte (f)	589m (543m)	38.4m (67,0m		8.5p (8.5p)
Princedale Group (F)	25.8m (21.0m)	1.27m (1.25m	·	0.4p (-)
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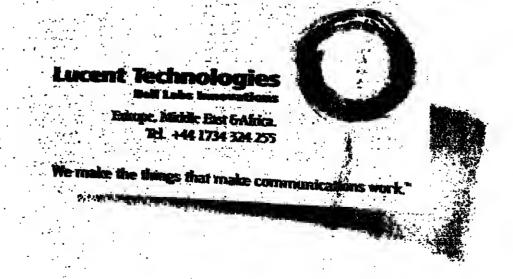
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Turning point reached as EMU battle intensifies know which way a coin is going to film, it is probable to ing to flip, it is probably better to admit it and think about something on which you can make a sensible judgement. So it should be with European monetary union. But do not despair, for there is something else happening which is very, very ineresting indeed.

We are seeing a flurry of excitement about preparations for EMU in Germany and France. Last Friday saw a deal on the German budget, agreeing cuts in public spending, in particular on social security, which would bring the fiscal deficit closer to the 3 per cent Maastricht fimit. France will this week announce a budget that will seek to do much the same. Meanwhile, Germany and France are pressing for some kind of post-EMU deal to stop countries that have joined the system from running lax fiscal policies after they have signed up. Expect some kind of agreement to be reached at the Dublin meeting of EU ministers and

central bank governors on Friday. So, it would seem, it is all go. But we are not learning from this flurry of action any new information on whether EMU will start on time, or whether it will happen at all. To an overwhelming extent this is a political decision and there is no new political information, except that Chancellor Kohl can get a budget shrough Parliament, which everybody enew already.

Insofar as economics are relevant, the main issue is whether a sufficiently strong recovery can be sus-tained in Germany and France 10 withstand the fiscal tightening which both countries are imposing. Here the jury remains out.



ECONOMIC VIEW HAMISH McRAE

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we have had in recent weeks simply confirms the fact that Germany is managing an OK recovery and France is not. You can see that on the left-hand chart, together with some (quite optimistic) forecasts for the next 18 months from the US

hank, JP Morgan. The next chart shows business expectations, which have perked up in

with the economy, but also their ideas of the appropriate boundaries of the

Both countries are tightening fiscal policy at a time when the economy is very weak, but at the same time they are cutting personal taxation. That breaks the old rules in a similar way to Sir Geoffrey Howe's famous 1981 Budget, which was de-Germany but show virtually no sign of doing so in France, while the third chart shows one of the reasons why: goodish export growth in Germany,

Even more interesting is the idea

that the role of the state will from

now on start to shrink in France and

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but a worrying downtrend in France. Since meeting the 3 per cent limit requires a strong economic performance in both countries through 1997, the message from all this is that Germany might have some chance of meeting Maastricht criteria provided they are relaxed enough, but that it is very difficult to see France doing so unless they are redefined

is some quite radical way. But we sort of knew that, too. So what is new?

I think it is this. We have in the past few days been witnessing the early stages of a seismic shift in German and French fiscal policy which signals not just a change in their ideas

If it is hard to cut spending by agreement within the German system of consensus government, it may happen by the same process as the US: by revenues being cut away. You can get political approval for tax cuts even if you cannot for spending cuts. So you push through the tax cuts with the argument that tax cuts are needed to stimulate economic

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growth, and then, when revenues fall short of expectations, a widening deficit forces spending cuts. That at least is the theory. One could even blame Maastricht convergence criteria for the subsequent need to trim the deficit, citing the sanctions to be agreed (if they are)

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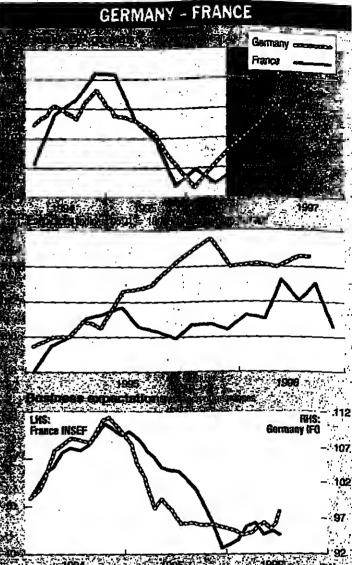
As for France, we will get a better picture when we see details of the budget. But expect the same pattern of net fiscal tightening plus tax cuts. Expect, too, to see a big effort to start getting the French social security sysfect saying that they no longer be-lieve that a fiscal deficit can promote economic growth, and that only tax cuts on personal income (even if more than offset by public spending cuts) can do so. This is interesting tem off the state balance sheet. At the weekend we had a statement from the French authorities that they were pressing ahead with a private sector pension scheme to supplement the state-run one. This would be a Germany. Nobody is putting this in funded system, rather than pay-asyou-go. At this stage there is no sugdence. In Germany we have just had a budget which at last cut back the gestion that it will take over from the state system or represent any weakening of commitment to that. But in social security system and has been vigorously attacked by the unions. practice it looks as though France is seeking to establish something much But there is much, much more to more like the British , under the new plans, account basic pay-as-you-go

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This evidence might seem a bit thin to support the argument that a radical rethink of the role of the state is taking place in France and Germany: a couple of annual budgets which nibble at the problem, a few statements by politicians, some quite limited spending cuts and the promises of falling personal taxation in the future.

That is a fair criticism. The evidence is thin at the moment, the signals pretty weak. In any case, these signals about a shift of policy are to some extent drowned out by the noisy debate about EMU. But 1 suggest that there is enough evidence to say that a turning point may have been reached. European politicians are beginning to talk in a quite dif-ferent way from the language they used five years ago. What has been happening in Britain is not so im-portant, but the progress of the US economy, in particular its ability to cut unemployment to the 5-6 per cent region, has had an enormous effect. So too has the fact that Continental European countries compare themselves not just with North America but also with the tiger economies of East Asia, where unemployment

(and taxation) is even lower. But if you wait for the evidence to pile up, you miss the turning point. I suspect that when we look back on this period 20 or more years hence, we will focus not on the preparations for EMU as such but the change in public attitudes in both France and Germany to the role of the state. Every few days which pass reveal another building block of what will become the new model for the



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Stock market reporter of the year halted by cautious weekend comment with the shares,

ence a much more subdued existence. The FT-SE 250 index rose 8.7 to 4,462, more than 100 points from its peak, hit in.

leged price wars continued to ruffle superstores with Tesco down 3.5p to 302.5p and J Unilever was one of the Sainsbury 4p lower at 378.5p. Rienheim was an outstandday's best performers, climbing 20p to a 1,406.5p peak. The Anglo-Dutch giant is still scor-ing from its US presentation pany signalled bid talks were on again. The shares jumped and the proposed reshaping of 52.5p to 420p. HTV, on hopes its brands portfolio. But some ponder about increasing mar-gin pressure in Europe, high-lighted last week by Nestie, the bid, gained 3,5p to 340pa.

Rasynet, the internet service provider, scored the day's best

gain, up 52 per cent to 58.5p Cable and Wireless responded to a Merrill Lynch following signals of a possible Microsoft tie-up and an upbeat forecast of 500p a share, gaining 7.5p to 448.5p. Railtrack's strong run was

Sears, results today, edged forward 2p to 97p. Talk of disposals and take over bids overshadowed what are expected to be decidedly poor figures. Dalgety, which duly produced weak profits, managed a 2p gain to 329p, largely on the back of vague stories of a

Nestlé bid. Protean, a water treatment group, was the day's disaster story, down 80.5p to 169p fol-lowing a warning of poor re-sults from its German off-shoot. Four weeks ago it raised £5.1m through a placing at 245p a share.

Pan Andean Resources added 11p to 135.5p (after 138.5p) as some detected encouraging smoke signals from its Bolivian exploration well. There are hopes the drilling results will be known in the next few days. The shares were in single figures before the market was gripped by the Bolivian

oil high flyer, Tuskar Resources, was suspended at 1.5p as it moved to take a 40 per cent stake in an oil mining lease off Nigeria. The vendor, the Camac/Allied group, will end with control of Iluskar. At the height of its Colombian oil adventure six years ago Tuskar's shares nudged 100p.

Freeport Leisure, running factory outlet shopping vil-lages, gained 6p to 120.5p. James Kerr-Muir, ex-Kingfisher, is to become chairman. Profits were £878,400 against £102, 622.

Malaya, the garage group, shaded to 12p as a 7.5 per cent stake, part of the estate of a former director, was placed at around 8p.

Biotrace International making equipment to test for food and drink contamination, gained lp to 67.5p; Baring Asset Management has an 11.18 per cent stake.

The Independent Index

TRPS, an environmental usultancy, is heading for record fee income this year with profits of \$2.9m (against £2.2m) forecast by stockbro ker Albert E Sharp. It has a host of blue chip clients, Latest coup was the buy out of HMSO where it conducted a due diligence exercise. As buyers become increasingly aware of contaminated land and pollution risks, RPS's due diligence work is growing. The shares held at 133.5p.

TAKING STOCK

Dean Corporation, 2 housebuilder and property maintenance group, lifted half-year profits from £43,933 to £352, 876 and should nudge £800,000 for the year. Chairman Stephen Dean is looking for acquisitions; he hopes to double the company's size in the next year. Shares gained 2.5p to 14p; the high is 17p.

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Bluff a trump card in Barron's hand

"He won it quite well," David Barron says as he reflects on Coastal Bluff's Stewards' Cup, It is a comment which clevates understatement to the realms of

It would be wrong to say that Coasial Bluff turned the season's most competitive sprint handicap at Goodwood last month into a procession, for there was nothing procession-al about the typically desperate manner in which the other 29 runners scrapped for second

By the time they reached the post, though, Barron's runner on a handicap mark of 91 - had long since sailed past it on a tight rein. The gap between winner and pursuers was almost suf-ficient to allow the spectators a check of the watch and an em-

barrassed shuffle of their feet. Even Lochsong, who matured into the best sprinter of her generation, did not rout her field so thoroughly when winning the Stewards' off a handicap mark of just 82, four years

Little wonder, then, that despite a recent headlong charge up the weights, Coastal Bluff is the 6-1 favourite for the Ayr Gold Cup on Saturday, in which he must give weight to the entire field

Victory would complete a notable season in the big sprints for Barron, who prepared Musical Season to win the Portland Handicap at Doncaster last week despite the gelding's three-month absence from the track, At Ayr, it seems little will be left to chance, and both Musical Season, a 14-1 shot after yesterday's five-day declaration stage, and For The Present

a fire yesterday at the Wiltshire

stables of the trainer Jim Old.

who won the Champion Hurdle

with Collier Bay at Cheltenham in March, The blaze broke out

at a barn in the early bours of

yesterday morning at Upper

Forty horses were in the barn

hen the fire started. It was

YARMOUTH

HYPERION

2.35 Tart (Fr) 3.10 Bint Shadayid 3.45

Smithereens 4.15 Portelet 4.45 Uncle George

GUANG: Good

STALLS: Straight course - stands side; round course - inside.

DRAW ADVANTAGE: High for 51 to 1m.

Left-hand course, level and laft.

Course is north of town on AI 49, Yamtouth station a mile away.

ADMISSION: Cath 512: Taxtersalls 58.50; Family and course enclosure \$4.50. CAR PARK: \$1.

BLINKERED FIRST TDIE: Dark Shot (4.45), Gloed Up (visored,

WINNERS IN LAST SEVEN DATS: None. LONG DISTANCE RUNNERS: How's Yer Father (4.45) has been sent 259 miles by R Hodges from Charlton Adam, Somer-

2.35 BROOKE CLAIMING STAKES (CLASS E)

— 11 declared — BETTIME: S-2 Ballpoint, 7-2 Tart (Fit), 9-2 State Approval, T-1 Clared Up, 8-1 Time For Tea, 12-1 Irish See, 14-1 others

3.45 WILLIAM BILLWER LONG MAIDEN STAKES (CLASS D) £6,000 added 5f 43yds

sotted by a neighbour who

freed the animals and called the

Herdswick Farm.

5.20 Chain Reaction

SIS PACING

GOING: Good

Greg Wood talks to a trainer aiming a team of three at the Ayr Gold Cup

list. Their trainer, however, has no doubts about the relative merits of his team.

"On everything they've ever done together, and he'll have worked with virtually every "It served a purpose for the early days." he says." sprinter we've had during the year. Coastal Bluff would be head and shoulders above the lot of them," Barron said yesterday. "He's got to the stage in the handicap now where he needs a little help, like a good draw, and we'd have liked a little rain to ease the ground. But I've a fair idea of what the oth-

RICHARD EDMONDSON NAP: Chain Reaction (Yarmouth 5,20) NB: Barnum Sands (Sandown 4.00)

er two are like and for me they're weighted up to their hest, whereas I haven't a clue just how good Coastal Bluff is." Barron took out his first h-

cence at the dog-end of the 1960s, and in his time he has squeezed more than enough victories from bad horses to recog-nise a good one. And if the mark of a good trainer is not so much the horses they prepare as the people, he can point to David Nicholls and Alex Greaves. Both were stable jockeys at Barron's yard near Thirsk, and as husband and wife they are now running one of the shrewdest stables in the coun-

For several seasons, the part-

cape had to be put down later.
Four fire engines and 29 fire-

fighters took several bours to

bring the blaze under control.

An investigation into its cause

An investigation into its cause is under way. A police spokes-woman said: "It is still too early to say if foul play was involved. It is still very bot and damping down is going on."

Meanwhile, stable staff were

beginning the long process of

Four horses killed

by fire at Old's yard

Four horses died as a result of two more that did manage to es-

(20-1) are among the first dozen nership of Barron and Greaves names on Ladbrokes' latest cleaned up on the all-weather circuit in much the same way that O'Brien and Piggott used to do in the Classics, but the trainer's attention has now

"It served a purpose for us in the early days," he says, "but it depends which way you want to go and personally I'm not really interested in it nowadays. I don't want more horses, I want better borses and, to be fair, a lot of all-weather racing now is absolute garbage."

Those better horses need not necessarily be sprinters, though for now he has little choice. "It's just the way things turn out. You can buy horses for not a lot of money that could turn out to be quite decent sprinters, but with the middledistance and staying horses, you have to spend money to get those boys."

The orders would surely arrive, though, if Coastal Bluff could progress as Burron feels he should. "If he proves to be as good as we think he is, his career is quite easy to map out," he says. "It's when you've got a horse on 75 and you know his real mark should be 65, that's when you have problems. He's a great big horse, and the one thing I'm certain of is that if he stays sound, there's better to come from him."

Who knows. If Coastal Bluff continues to improve, we may even discover just what he needs to do to persuade his trainer that "he won it very

Two Tarts spell trouble

Two horses named Tart seem certain to cause confusion in betting shops today. Punters should mark their slips carefully as the two have been declared for races at Yarmonth and Sandown this afternoon.

Tart (FR), a French-bred filly trained by James Fanshawe. runs in the opening event at Yarmouth.

But it is a different filly from Tart - without the suffix - who will turn out for Fulke Johnson-Houghton in the last race on

emergency services, police said.

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4.15 BRIAN TAYLOR MEMORIAL HANDICAP (CLASS C) £7,650 added 5f 43yds

- 5 declared -BETTIVG: 9-4 Portelet, T-2 Lougaick Ltd, 9-2 Canonas Hourt, 5-1 Sweet Magic, 6-1 Premium Gift, 8-1 Primeira Baira, 32-1 others

4.45 CAISTER SELLING STAKES (CLASS 6) £3,000 added 7f 3yds 230500 HOW'S YER FRIERER (LIQ R Houges 10 9 0 hours (%) 3
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SETTING 2-4 Biot Stradović, 3-4 Armola, 6-1 Yamoura, Flerne Valley, 8-1

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RACING RESULTS NOTTINGHAM 2.00; 1. BROUGHTONS FORMULA U

2.90: 1. HAPPY MINISTRAL (R Hills; 8-1; 2. Sword Arm 3-1; 3. Over To Yos 5-1. 9 (m. 11-8 in Resmusen (Ein), 11-6, 174, (M lohrston), Tober £9.00; £1.80, £1.30, £2.80. DF: £13.20, CSF: £33.41 (rd: £53.00; 1. CRELAN & Tr (I. Descriptor), 7-2 in; 2. Another Batchworth 10-1; 3. Superba 7: 1; 4. Carolomeur 12-1; 18 ma. 174, nk. (N lumroden), Tober £4.80; £1.40, £4.00, £2.30, £4.40. DF: £34.40, CSF: £41.94. The cast £741.26 (for £42.00, NR Penesur Timb. 3.30; 1. MERRIE LE BOW (Amanda Senders) 12-1; 2. Dominoella 13-2; 3. Pormidable Le 8-1; 4. Another Nighthurer 5-1 in; 24 ran. 52-14, 7. (Pat Mitchell), Tober £18.80; £4.50, £2.70, £2.90, £1.60. DF: £56.51 CSF: £104.15. Thosat £68.48. The (urn) 16-1; 2. Requested 10-1; 3. lots 14-1; 4. Zallias 14-1; 20 ras, 3-1 fav Euphonic, 1th, 1/2 (W Musson). Total; £19.30; £3.60, £3.80, £3.30, £4.80, DF: £308.40. CSF: £190.55. Tricast: £2,191.61. This: not won ipool of £536.44 to Sendown 5.35 to

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2.15: 1 THE LEBIONS PRIDE (I Osborne)
10.3; 2. How Could 5-1; 3. Yellow Dragon 6-1; 10 ren. 3-1 fev Verdam (fel). ck,
6. (I) Hell, Tolen: 6A 50; 51.30, 61.20, 62.20.
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2. Credit Controller 11-1; 3. Mirmonte 112. 10 ren. 13, 7. M. McCore. Trote: 53-20.
51.50, 53-20, 52-20. DP: 633-90. CSP:
655-54. Tickest: 611-457. Tick: 673-70.
3.16: 1. MANAMOUR (C Liewelly) 7-2;
2. Drumetick: 5-2. 4 ren. 8-11 fev Henley
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finished). (R Lee). Tolen: 6A.30. DP: 63.80.
CSP: 611-29.

3.45: 1 KALASADI (I CURON) 6-1; 2. Cir-

3.45: 1. (M.A.SADI U.C.) (0.10), 6-1; 2. Circus Colorus 5-2; 3. Carbochen 16-1, 6 tan. 7-4 for Headie Winness (ruthed up), 20, dist. (V. Sozne), Tohne 58.90; 53.30, £1.70. DP. £10.50. CSP: £19.82.

4.15: 1. FROZEN DROP (S. Fox) 9-4; 2. Distant Memory 11-3 for; 3. L'Uomo Plu 10-1 6 pan. 5, 7. (P. Ritteren), Tohne £3.70; £1.40, £1.70, DP: £3.80. CSP: £5.50.

4.85: 1. SUPPEDINE STAR (M.Rchards) 4-6 fox; 2. Lamburden 5-1; 3. Sozumalisch 3-1; 5 ma. 1%, 6. (P. Hedger), Tohne £1.70; £1.10, £5.90, OP: £21.50. CSP: £16.86.
Phospater 5-397.20. Quadipot: £25.40. Place 8: £65.98, Place 5: £37.18.

RACINES ETURES MARKET

The bookmakers' ante-post lists are racing's futures market. 8-1 (Ladbrokes) after beating

GOING: Good to From (watering).

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GYALIA: Straight - stands side; rest - inside .

DRAW ADVANTAGE: Low numbers best at 5t.

Elight-hand course. Separate stiff is track.

Course is on A307, 4m south of Engatum. Eather station (service from London, Waterioo) adjoins course. Check brockure for all prices. ADMISSRON: Gub & Grandsman; (combined) £12; honior Gub (16 - 25ym) \$10; Park \$4. CAR PARK: \$2 in members (Mass.) I are 1. remainder free. Ayr Gold Cup Handicap: Coastal Bluff is 8-1 with Coral

ELEADING TRAINGES WITH EURINEES: E Hannon – 41 winners from 325 runners gives a specias ratio of 12.5% and a loss to a 21 level state of 260.42; M Stooms – 25 winners, 155 runners, 16.5%, 529.21; J Geoden – 23 winners, 165 runners, 20.5%, +50.20; J Dunléy – 20 winners, 12 runners, 17.5%, 51.491.

B LEADING JOCKETS: Pat Eddery – 59 wins, 255 rides, 20.7%, -51.18; L Dettori – 59 wins, 215 rides, 17.5%, -514.90; T Quinn – 29 wins, 204 rides, 14.2%, -518.13; W Carsons – 27 wins, 195 rides, 13.5%, -557.39.

BLINGERED FIRST TIME: Leaner Lewis (visored, 5.00).

WINNERS IN THE LAST GEVEN DATS: Don't Get Cample (3.25) won at Leicester on Trender. Trendny. LONG-DESTANCE RUNNERS: Gaeije Stoym (2.15) ins been sent 249 miles by M Joho

4.30 Fatefully (nb) 5.00 Lord High Admiral

2.15 Hype Energy 2.50 Alphabet 3.25 Don't Get Caught

4.00 CINEMA PARADISO (nap)

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2	.15	SEPTEMBER MAIDEN AUCTION STAKES (CLASS D) £4,750 added 240 5f 8yds Penalty Value £3,404
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	00	CEDITOR LAD (80) Silver Place Partnership) J Bernett 8 3
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FORM GUIDE FORM GUIDE

HYPE EMERGY best only a couple home on her introduction in the 18-runner race won by Johnny Staccetts at Window last month when Northern Girl finished a two-end-s-heli-length runner-up and M R Poly 11th. However, Geoff Levis's filly left that effort behind when she ran Loving, And Gaving to half a length at Both eight days ago, finishing strongly and turning around earlier running with Northern Girl, who this time finished three parts of a length behind her in third. Now "N Shake deserves a lacky turn after finishing second for the third time from the races when besten two lengths by Jennelle at Foliastone in July...

Selection: HYPE ENERGY

7 D PUSH A VENTURE (22) (Dr Fenk S 8 Chan) S Woods 8 11 D Biggs T - 7 declared - 8ETTIME: 7-4 FB, 9-4 Alphabet, 5-1 Listed Account, 6-1 French Wilst, 8-1 Lagica, 10-1 indicat Repture, 25-1 Push A Vaulume 1985: Scariet Pume 2 8-11 W Caron 5-2 U L Durloch 7 rate. FOurting GUIDE: Alphabet, at 40,000 gris daughter of Scalders' Holl and the first feet of Neil Gwyn herone A-To-Z, was beasen three and a half lengths by One So Wonderful on her debut, at Kempton (7f) 11 days ago. She might again have to play second fiddle, this time to Henry Caci's newcomer FIL. This Reinbow Quest fifty is out of a mine who scored 10 times in the US and is related to Caccelles. French Mills had Legion some way auth when they were fifth and 1-4th of 15 to Questelline at the big Goodwood meeting. Listed Account, a second foot, is helf-eister to a winner in Frence. Selections FII

3.25 WEATHERBYS SPONSORSHIP IN RACING HANDICAP (CLASS D) £5,500 added 7f 16yds Penalty Value £4,054

torlongs out in Vent Vid Viet's roce at Kempton.

Selection: DON'T GET CAUGHT

4.00 SANDOWN FUTURITY STAKES (CLASS C) £7,200 added

2YO 1m 14yds Penalty Value £4,955.

1 41 Bubble SANDO [19] (Needed Farms Surd) Dunlop 31 Put Eddiny 3

2 1 CHEMA PRANDORS (RD) (Dutsopher Weight P Dole 9 1 T. Toubna 2

3 00414 PRINCESS OF HEARTS (P) (A Field 8 Median 8 6 B. Boyle 1

BETTING 4-5 Chema Paradiso, 11-8 Barnam Sands, 7-1 Princess Of Matrix
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FORM (BUIDE

Clineaus Paradiso has won its only race to date, defeating the odds-on Javinet brity faculty of six to Desent Suny next time) and better fancied stablemate Olivo two and a half lengths and threetquerters of a length when a 14-1 chot at Newbury (6) in July, He will have no trouble with the longer distance but BARNOUM SANDOS is preferred. He ran fourth in the race won by the smart Medewly from subsequent soons Further Outlook on this introduction at Doncaster at the and of July and he justified tensurities at Lingshed 19 days ago. By Green Desent out of Oeles winner Circus Purne, who has produced several winners, Barnoum Sands will progress further and is worth following. Princess of Hearts does not appear good enough, having gained her win in a followstone saler before a Bath nursary fourth to Sheer Foco.

Selection Barnoum Sandos

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4.30 SURBITON HANDICAP (CLASS C) £7,650 added 370 filles 1m 14yds Penalty Value £5,505

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FATEFULLY, lightly reced and open to improvement, ran into all sons of trouble at Doncoster less time but finished strongly once deer only to go under a head behind Blaesed
Spirit with Tearnists a length and a quarter back in third and Nirov Lady shift of 13.
Blaesed Spirit later ran Select Few to a head over course and distance with Tearnists and
filtor Lady again in amount, this time in third and fourth, but Fatefully, with a 30 advantings, jooks poised to average that Doncester select. Seading, winner of a malden at Haydock in May, ran well in the Jessey Stales at Royal Ascot and in Thrilling Day's Listed
event at Goodwood. One of the twonties at Essent lest time, she led to the furiong pole
before finishing an eight-longth fourth to Rebel County and she would prefer some out in
the ground.

5.00 WILLOW CLAIMING STAKES (CLASS E) £4,200 added 5f Gyds Penalty Value £3,111

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5.35 SURREY RACING HANDICAP (CLASS E) £4,700 added 310 1m 3f 91yds Penelty Value £3,501

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TART finished a two-length fourth of 15 behind Parse at Leicester in June on her reappearence, Cellistic Star has jet to run a had receible season and she will benefit from Par Eddey's handling after hot getting the best of runs and losing ground approaching the streight when that to Dauphin in an amazeurs' event at haydock. Mildha's Star has scored four times this year and his running when market leader and beaten a long way against General Gow at Brighton last time was too bed to be true. He could pose a threet if back near his best with Fergial Lynch taking the ride. Temperases, winner of her first two races this season and not beaten far when sixth of nine to Stately Dancer at Yermouth test time, can also figure.

Selections TART

sphere with The Independent's Tuesday service.

- the others go 6-1 - while Musical Season is 16-1 (Tote) -Coral go 10-1 - after winning last Wednesday's Portland Handicap by 11/4 lengths over five furlongs and 140 yards at Doncaster. Patsy Grimes - only 16-1 with Coral - is 33-1 with William Hill and Ladbrokes.

Cambridgeshire Handicap: Clifton Fox and Angus-G are 16-1 (Coral) and 14-1 respectively after finishing first and second in a 10-furlougs handicap at Doncaster on Saturday.

Prix de l'Arc de Triomphe: Helissio is 4-1 (Ladbrokes) after his comfortable victory in the Group Two Prix Niel over a mile and a half at Longchamp on Sunday. The strong-finishing Niel runner up Darazari - 7-1 with Ladbrokes - is an eye-

catching 12-1 (Tote). Swain is Readers can catch up with the latest developments – best prices are in bold – in this sphere with The Independent's a half. The St Leger runner up Duesday service. Dushyantor is 25-1 (William

Hill/Tote) - the others go 16-1. Cesarewitch Handicap: Canon Can has been backed down to 9-2 (Coral) and Trainglot is down to 14-1 (Coral). Saturday's Goodwood winne Great Easeby is 33-1 (Ladbrokes) - William Hill go 16-1.

2,000 Guineas: Babhare is 5-1 after his 31/2 lengths victory in the Group Two Champagne Stakes over seven furlongs at Doncaster on Friday. And Revogue is 10-1 after his three lengths triumph in the Group One Prix de la Salamandre over seven furlongs at Longchamp on Sunday.

1,000 Guineas: Reams Of Verse is 16-1 (William Hill/Tote) - Coral go 10-1 - after winning Doncaster's Group Three May Hill Stakes by two lengths over a mile on Thursday.

lan Davies

Ayr Gold Cu	p Ha	indicap (3f)	
Horse (Trainer/weight)	Corni	William Hill	Laubrokes	Tot
Coastal Staff (7 D Barron/Sct 10th)	8-1	6-1	6-1	. 6
Salmeter (Gay Kellmany/Bst 9(b)	7-1	7-1	7-1	
Double Bormon (P Makin/Bst 12lb)	12-1	21-2	10-1	10-
Wildwood Flower (R Hannon/9st 2tb)	12-1	12-1	10-1	12-
Double Splendour (P Felgate/9st 1th)	12-1	14-1	10-1	14-
Musical Season (TD Barron/Stt 119)	10-1	14-1	10-1	16-
Sethurstpark Flyer (J Berry/Bst 8tb)	14-1	14-1	12-1	16-
Don't Care (Miss L A Penan/Bit 10h)	16-1	16-1	14-1	20-
For The Present (T O Barron/Bet 4lb)	20-1	20-1	14-1	16-
Tedinarrow (Mrs A Naughton/Set 11b)	16-1	20-1	14-1	16-
Berane (Mrs J RamederyRst 3lb)	25-1	25-1	25-1	26-
Bold Effort (K C-Brown/Bst 34b)	20-1	25-1	20-1	25-
Bolila Jeanne (T Easterby/Est 61b)	20-1	25-1	25-1	25-
Botshoi (J Berry/Bst 9lb)	25-1	25-1	20-1	16-
Emerging Market U Dunion/9st 6th)	20-1	25-1	20-1	16
Lago Di Varano (M Johnston/Bst 795)	20-1	25-1	20-1	20-
Madly Sharp () W Watts/Set 6(b)	20-1	25-1	26-1	25-
Prince Behar (J E Banks/9st 3lb)	20-1	20-1	24-1	25-
See-Deer (C Dayer/But 8th)	16-1	26-1	20-1	25-
Sir Joey (P Murphy/Set Bib)	20-1	25-1	20-1	20-
Sylve Paraclise (C Brittsin/Bst 9lb)	25-1	20-1	14-1	25
Bajen Rose (M Stanshard/Bat 4th)	38-1	33-1	33-1	33-
Patry Orbors (J.S. Moore/Bst 12tb)	16-1	33-1	33-1	20-
Golden Pound (Gey Kellewey/Bat 4lb)	33-1	33-1	40-1	20-
Herd To Figure (R Hodges/9st 6tb)	33-1	40-1	40-1	33-
Each-way a quarter the odd	s, place	a 1, 2, 3. 4 (A	vr. Saturdayl	

Cambridgeshir	e Ha	ndicap (1	m 1f)	
Horse (Trainer/weight)	Comi	William Hill	Ladbroken	Total
Misalie (W Happas/9st)	8-1	10-1	8-1	9-:
Centre Stalle (R.J. Houstoon/9st 12th)	10-1	10-1	8-1	12-
Crown Court (L. Cumani/Bat 2th)	12-1	12-1	12-1	12-
Angles G (Mrs M Revokey7st 7lb)	14-1	10-1	14.1	14
Cation Fox (I Glover/Est 21b)	16-1	14-1	14-1	14-
Master Churter (Mrs. J. Remeden/Bet)	14-1	18-1	16-1	14-1
Sharpical (L. Cumani/7st 110)	16-1	12.1	14-1	12-
Ball Gown (D Thorn/Sst 12th)	16-1	16-1	16-1	20-
Peneda B. Cumen/7st 31lb)	16-1	20-1	20-1	20-
Fahlm (A Stewart/9st 7lb)	20-1	16-1	14-1	20.
Stylish Atlure (D Wold/Est 7tb)	20-1	26-1	20-1	20.

Horse (Trainer)	Corel	William Hill	Lathroles	Tob
Heliesio (E Lejiouche)	3-1	7-2	4-1	3-1
Zegreb (O Weld)	13-2	6.1	6-1	7-:
Classic Cliche (Saed Bin Surcor)	8-1	8-1	8-1	8-1
Swein (A Fabre)	7-1	7-1	8-1	6-:
Pentire (G Wrage)	7.1	6-1	8-1	10-
Derazari (A de Royer-Dupre)	8-1	8-1	7-1	12-5
Rhyadian (P Cols)	12-1	12-1	12-1	8-2
Pleastisid (M Stoute)	20-1	16-1	16-1	20-
Shaamit (W Haggas)	16-1	20-1	18-1	16-3
Doublyantor (H Oscit)	16-1	25-1	16-1	25-1
Germany (8 Schutz)	33-1	33-1	25-1	33-1
Regmer (P Bary)	33-1	25-1	25-1	25-5

Cesarewitch	Han	dicap (2n	21)	
Home (Trainer/weight)	Coret	William HDE	Ludbrokes	Tota
Carnon Can (H Cecf/7st 9(b)	9.2	7-2	7-2	4-1
Orchestra Stati (J Duniop/8st 11b)	8-1	8-1	7-1	8-1
Sallymaloutly (R Alechurst/7st 13h)	12-1	14-1	12-1	12-1
Trainglot (J FitzGerald/7st 13lb)	14-1	12-1	12-1	12-1
Morit (P Cole/Bet 5lb)	14-1	14-1	12-1	16-1
Top Coes (Mrs.) Ramsdery8st 88b)	14-1	12-1	12-1	15-1
Beneforn (H Cecli/Bst 6lb)	20-1	20-1	20-1	20-1
Candle Smile (M Stoute/But 10th)	20-1	14-1	14-1	20-1
Ayest (H Thomson Jones/8st 3lb)	14-1	16-1	16-1	20-1
Nanton Point (Lady Herries/Bst 10)	20-1	20-1	18-1	20-1
Southern Power (? Nicherts/Bet 138	0) 20-1	16-1	16-1	20-1
Better Offer (G Harwood/9st 6tb)	20-1	25-1	25-1	25-1
Chete's Lad (B Mechan/7st 4lb)	25-1	25-1	25-1	25-1
Empregalic (R Fisher/8st)	25-1	25-1	25-1	25-1
Projects key (F Musphy/7sz 3tb)	25-1	25-1	25-1	25-1
Golden Arrow (M Plac/Est 71b)	25-1	20-1	25-1	20-1
Harbour Island (M Stoute/Bet 3th)	25-1	20-1	25-1	20-1
tror's Flatter (D Elsworth/Sst 48)	25-1	25-1	25-1	25-1
Nebhaso (D Moriey/8st 28b)	25-1	25-1	25-1	25-1
Northern Float (G Harwood/7st 5lb)	25-1	25-1	16-1	25-1
Speed To Lead (H Cack/Set 10tb)	25-1	25-1	20-1	_20-1
Upper Sallery (P C-Hyern/7st.5lb)	20-1	20-1	25-1	20-1
Berlin Blue (J W Wates/7st Sb)	25-1	33-1	25-1	20-1
En Vacusoes (A Foster/Bat 18)	25-1	25.1	33-1	25-1
Great Enseity (W Storewest 10th)	20.1	16-1	33-1	25-1
Mystic Hill (G Harwood/Bst 121b)	25-1	20-1	33-1	25-1
Salvanian (I Dunion(Bat 4lb)	33-1	25-1	33-1	25-1
Tibetain (Lady Herries/7st 13b)	33-1	20-1	33-1	25-1
Unetanged (C Brittein/7st 9(b)	25-1	33-1	25-1	25-1
Each way a quarter the odds, places	1, 2, 3,	4 (Newmerket,	Saturday, 19 (October)

1997 2,000 Guineas Stakes (1m)							
Horse (Trainer)	Coral	William Hill	Ladbrokes	Tota			
Sabbare (J Dursop)	5-1	5-1	5-2	5-1			
Revocase (P Chappie-Hvem)	8-1	10-1	10-1	10-1			
Indiscreet (D Loder)	12-1	14-1	10-1	14-1			
Putra (P Cole)	16-1	14-1	20-1	14-1			
Sahru (J Dunlop)	20-1	20-1	20-1	20-1			
Medically (Seeed bin Surcor)	20-1	33-1	33-1	25:1			
Tycoon Todd (D Loder)	20-1	33-1	25-1	25-1			

1997 1,000 Guineas Stakes (1m)							
Horse (Trainer)	Coral	William Hill	Ladbrokes	Tota			
Dezelo (M. Stoute)	T-2	7-2	4.1	7-2			
Red Camelle (Sir M Presunt)	8-1	10-1	7-1	9-1			
Fleet River (H Cacli)	10-1	12-1	14-1	14-1			
Bismos Nera (D Lotieri	16-1	14-1	16-1	18-1			
Roses Of Verse (H Čecil)	10-1	16-1	12-1	16-1			
Sarwyle (W Hern)	16-1	16-1	14-1	14-1			
Sleesytime (H Canil)	16-1	14-1	16-1	20-1			
One So Wonderful (I current)	20-1	25-1	20-1	20-1			
Yeshnek (H Cacil)	20-1	25-1	20-1	25-1			
Each-way a quarter the odds,	places 1, 2	3 (Newmarks	c, Sunday, 4 N	tage!			

The pack left to chase the Pack

American football

MATT TENCH

When Brett Favre took his first snap of the campaign earlier this month he could be forgiven a twinge of trepidation. True he was the game's outstanding quarterback a year ago, but Favre had spent six weeks of the close season in a clinic rehabilitating from his publically confessed addiction to pain-killers. Would the same player return?

Three thumping victories later and it seems Favre is better than ever. His team, the Green Bay Packers, were widely tipped to supplant the Dallas Cowboys as the NFC's representatives in the Super Bowl. Their breathtaking early-season form suggests their presence in the big game is little more than a formality. The latest victims, the previously unbeaten San Diego Chargers, were mauled 42-10, with Favre throwing three touchdown passes to take his season's total

to an astonishing 10. As reassuring for fans of one of the league's storied franchises is that each area of their team is operating at full throttle: LeRoy Butler returned an interception 90 yards for one score while Desmond Howard - the former Heisman Trophy winner who failed to make the grade in Washington - ran back a punt

65 yards for another. Next week the Pack visit the Minnesota Vikings, who somewhat surprisingly have matched them win for win. Their starting quarterback Warren Moon hardly missed when injury ruled him out of the first two games returned to steer his team to a

20-14 triumph in Chicago.
Indianapolis, Miami and
Kansas City also boast 3-0
records, a scenario the Colts could hardly have expected when they visited the Cowbovs with a side riven by injuries. The most notable of six absentees was running back Marshall Faulk, and as they fell 21-3 behind in the second quarter the excuses were no doubt being dusted down.

However the Cowboys are not the ruthless outfit of yesteryear, and the Colts battled back to force a field goal shoot-out in the final quarter. In a dramatic finale Cary Blanchard notched a 43-yarder for the Colts with 53 seconds to go (his fourth of the game), then the Cowboys' Chris Boniol hit the crossbar as he failed to convert from 56 yards as time expired.

That left the Colts the winners by 25-24, their first victory over the Cowboys since Super Bowl V in 1970.

Next Monday the Colts entertain the Dolphins, who continued their impressive start under Jimmy Johnson by beating the New York Jets 36-27. The Dolphins trailed 14-0, but Dan Marino, having had a pass intercepted and returned 100 yards for a TD, threw for three of his own: a suitable way to celebrate his 35th birthday. The Chiefs were comfortable winners over Seattle, with the cornerback Dale Carter doubling as wide receiver and catching a TD pass.

The Houston Oilers have also made a good start to the season, but even if they win the Super Bowl they are unlikely to stir the local populace: Committed to leaving for Tennessee in two years' time, the Oilers attracted their lowest crowd ever to watch the defeat of Baltimore: a paltry 20,082. Results, tables, Digest, page 25

Makinen wins world title for Mitsubishi

Rallying

Tommi Makinen yesterday suc-ceeded Britain's Colin McRae as world champion by winning the Rally Australia.

The 32-year-old Finn secured the championship with a comfortable victory in the fourday, 974-mile rally in his Mitsubishi Lancer. McRae was fourth, his first finish for three months, while his fellow Briton Richard Burns held on to fifth place in his Mitsubishi. McRae's Subaru team-mate

Kenneth Eriksson finished second, Imin 17sec behind Makinen, and the former world champion Carlos Sainz, of Spain, was third, a further four seconds behind.

In completing his fifth win of the season, Makinen became the first driver to win more than half the rounds of the world championship in one year and the first Mitsubishi driver to win the title.

The San Remo Rally, which is the next round in the world championship, will start on 13



Guy Hodgson pays a visit to Buckmore Park in Kent to uncover the Formula One 'Champions of the Future'

Real boy racers given kart blanche

The scenes around the paddock were familiar. Shapely women mingled among the dirt and the oil, fussing over their drivers while wondering whether their nerves could stand the strain of viewing their loved ones defy physics on the track. The difference was that these were mothers, not wives or

"I watch," one said, her tope betraying the depth of ber bravery. A lot of mothers can't but I feel I'm in control of events if I'm there. It's stupid, I know." Did she worry? Her eyebrows threatened to take off. "Of course," she said. "Of course I

Buckmore Park, near Chatham in Kent, looks like a tadpole, his head made enormous hy a helmet, the spindliness of his alls, but these eight to 16-yearolds hope - no, expect - to be transformed into princes of motor racing.

The event was billed Champ-

ions of the Future and is no idle boast. Michael Schumacher, Ayrton Senna and Alain Prost took their first fix of speed behind the wheel of a kart and all but two of today's grand prix drivers took that route towards the pinnacle of motor racing. One of them is Damon Hill, who hopes to wrap up the Formula One world championship this weekend in Portugal, but more

The great drivers today were great kart drivers yesterday. said Ron Dennis, boss of the McLaren-Mercedes Formula One team, who sponsor the six-race series. "It's a common thread. There's no doubt that a small percentage of the drivers top. In 10 years if everything

There might have been emhryonic grand prix drivers at Buckmore Park but the scenes would have astonished people whose exposure to motor racing is limited to Formula One. There is no equivalent of Williams, for example, a team so dominant that others, mechanical breakdown or mistakes apart, are destined to follow and, glory be, overtaking is done oo the track instead of in pit lanes. The karts were wheel to wheel, fighting for an advantage.

A short while spent at the



The next generation of would-be grand prix drivers take to their karts at Buckmore Park

were fractions apart, their tyres screaming in protest, a plastic petrol tank wedged between their legs and their rears two inches from the ground. They are boy racers in the best terms of the words, too young and not daft enough to confine their wheelspins to fast exits from pub car parks on a Friday night.

The smell of two-stroke and the noise, it's all very nostalgic," Martin Brundle, the Jordan driver, said. "You miss the hooligan element, if you like, in showed why mothers close their Formula One, charging around

eyes and pray. Kids only just too and having a good old scrap. old to be playing with Dinky cars. The tracks are big enough to overtake and the atmosphere is terrific. There are other qualities

required in an F1 driver, like a thick skin when your boss tells you to accelerate in the directioo of another team, and the organisers of the Champions of the Future series were not exactly left on the grid when it came to landing a soft blow on a body that bas taken a verbal pummelling in recent weeks. "If he'd raced karts," a press release read, "would Damon Hill be

The gist of the argument was that karts teach parts of racing that are hard to acquire elsewhere, Hill, so paddock wisdom had it, does not go by his rivals with the smooth ease of Schumacher because karting

was left out of his education. "Karts are so evenly matched," said Martin Hines, three times the world karting champion and creator of the series, "that the slightest error can mean you lose 10 places. If you go off line a whole train of karts come by bumper to bumper and there's no gap for you to get back in. It teaches

you not to make any mistakes." David Coulthard, who raced with Hill at Williams before joining McLaren, would not be so stupid as to criticise a driver who is poised to win the world championship, but he began his racing in karts at the age of 11 and acknowledges the debt. "I learned how to drive in them." he said. "I used to race every weekend, four times a day, whereas now I only compete in I6 races a year. My skills were honed in karts. All I've done

since is develop my knowledge of how to set a car up. The sheer enormity of the was oo natural progression

grades of motor racing hits you theo Coulthard, a grand prix driver for three seasons, reveals he only paid off his debts incurred on the way up last year. It's not just the racing that makes champions for the future important, he says, but the education programme being ruo alongside it to teach young drivers out-of-car skills like dealing with potential sponsors and the media.

"There's, a. much. clearer route into cars now," he said. Even when I was starting there

Photograph: Robert Hallam

transition through the various from karts in this country, whereas now these kids will tell ou which type of car they will be driving and in what year. It's all mapped out. There's no doubt about it, some of the youngsters here will make it." Like possibly the two young-sters from the Formula Cadets

race who clearly were aggrieved with each other after a heat. There was no violence but a few pouts and glares were exchanged before the duo retired to their own teams with tales to tell. As they had been saying all afternoon, a perfect grounding for Formula One.

Houston in control at Loftus Road

Football NICK DUXBURY

Stewart Houston yesterday spoke of the desire to be the top man that drove him to take charge at Queen's Park Rangers and end a 10-year association with Arsenal.

Houston, who has signed a three-year contract, succeeded Ray Wilkins at the First Division club, three days after leaving his second spell as caretaker manager at Highbury. This wasn't an instant deci-

sion, but one that was made over many events in the past six weeks," the 47-year-old Houston said. They have been a fantastic six weeks, and the strength I have gained has been

"What it told me was that it was time for me to progress to a fresh challenge and have a go at being a No 1.

Houston will make the fullest use of the experience he gained working alongside George Graham at Arsenal. Anybody who doesn't learn quickly working under George Graham is a fool," he said. "George was a teacher and also a winner." He refused to disclose whether Graham had offered him the chance to team up again at Leeds United.

Houston's war chest for putting Rangers back in the Premiership is less than the £9m that has been rumoured, but the club's multi-millionaire chair-man, Chris Wright, insisted that there was no need for the club's 19th manager since the Second World War to sell before buy-ing - a relief for Rangers supporters anxious about Trevor Sinclair's future.

Houston's baptism comes in tomorrow's second round Coca-Cola Cup tie at Swindon Town, but first he has to sort out a ticklish problem with his old mentor, Graham, regarding the extension of Mark Hateley's loan spell at Leeds which could

leave the striker cup-tied. Danny Bergara also got the chance to have his name on the manager's door when Rotherham United filled the vacancy created earlier in the day by the departure of Archie Gemmill and John McGovern after two years in charge. The Uruguayborn Bergara, who was assistant to David Pleat at Sheffield Wednesday, takes over a side who are buttom of the Second

The managerial changes in Scotland continued with Steve Archibald being sacked by First Division East Fife over differences of opinion" and lain Munro accepting the task of making Raith Rovers a "force in the Premier League".

Joe Royle's transfer fund for a striker is to be boosted by Elthin from a new Everton share issue, while at the other end of the scale, Presion North End have broken their transfer record to sign the Wimbledon defender Alan Reeves for

Derhy County have out-hanked would-be predators by securing the services of their two outstanding Croatians with new deals. The defender tgor Stimac has had his contract extended by two years, and the midfielder Aljosa Asanovic has agreed to an additional year.

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The Football Association is to introduce random breath tests for professional players in a drive to warn about the dangers of alcohol. The testing, which was was planned before Arsenal's Tony Adams revealed his drink problem, will take place after matches and at training sessions. "The object is to identify those players who do have a problem and bring this to the attention of the cluh's medical staff." an FA spokesman said yesterday.

Couples conquers rest of the world

Fred Couples trickled in a 30foot birdie putt to clinch a onepoint victory for the United States over the International team in the Presidents Cup at Gainesville, Virginia. The US won 16-15, but only after a mammoth struggle in the 12 final-day singles matches. Couples, in the final match,

needed to beat Vijay Singh to capture the cup, and did so at the 17th hole. After the former US Masters champion sank his birdie putt, Singh had to hole his 15-footer to keep the competition alive, but he was bothered by a spike mark and missed. Peter Thomson, captain of the losing side, which comprised the best players from the rest of the world except Europe. said: "It would have been wonderful if we'd won as I think we played well enough to do it. I can't remember in my lifetime anything as exciting and emo-

The Internationals had fallen five points behind on the first day, recovering to reduce the deficit to one point going into the final day, but still needed to win seven of the 12 singles.

The US then won five of the first seven singles contests and the International team needed to win all the last five. Steve Elkington, Ernie Els, Greg Norman and Frank Nobilo all won their matches, but Couples proved too strong for Singh. Scores, Digest, Page 25

on the brink of extinction

better at overtaking?"

Rugby Union DAVID LLEWELLYN

Last-ditch efforts were being made yesterday to save the

European Cup. The competition, hacked by Heineken and broadcast by ITV, was won last year by Toulouse after a thrilling final against Cardiff. But it has been beset by rumours and whisper-ings of failure, and ITV has cer-

tain misgivings about it.
Two of European Rugby Cup
Ltd's leading officials. Tom Kiernan and Version Pugh, met ITV officials yesterday in an attempt to keep the tournament, due to begin next month, on the fixture list. But last night leading club officials in England were pre-dicting that ITV, whose total

input is in the region of £15m, would pull out. If they did, Heineken would surely follow. An ITV spokesperson said: "ITV's coverage is under discussion. There is a problem." That problem is believed to do with the scheduling of program-mes and the number of matches

they are supposed to cover. Another of ITV's worries the possible non-participation of the English clubs, particularly in light of revelations over the weekend of a newly formed European Rugby Federation which would embrace clubs in the four Home Unions as well as those in France. Italy and possibly Romania. An organisation such as ERF clearly would have plans to run their own competition, something which English Professional Rughy Union Clubs are eager to do. Anything that hindered or brought about the demise of a competition run by the present British governing bodies would aid the clubs' cause.

To date, the other participatlo date, the other participal-ing countries in the cup, in which the top four Courage League One clubs are scheduled to play, and the Conference (the secondary competition involving the bottom six English clubs in the First Division) have all signed an agreement that they will participate for the remaining two years of the tournament. None of the English clubs have signed anything. although they have stated they will participate this season. But time is running out, with the opening matches due to be played on 12 October.

European Cup Americans provide a 'cheap fix'

Now that the lights bave gone up on the new Budweiser League season, the only place on the planet where the fans can watch more Americans play basketball is in the United States itself.

Equally certain is that the bights are going down on basketball as an international sport in England. After the Bosman ruling, the clubs have lost an average of just over one player per team to the Continent, including leading internationals such as Steve Bucknall (to Greece), Trevor Gordon (Italy)

and Andy Gardiner (Belgium). But the league have allowed clubs to recruit three extra Americans, up to a maximum of five per team. This has reduced the playing opportunities for English players, the lifeblood of national team development.

of their clubs, who lost £1.5m last clubs, can use just two Ameri-

English basketball players are being pushed aside. Richard Taylor reports

year. With Budweiser adding a £1.5m two-year extension to their sponsorship and Sky TV showing a weekly live game after Sunday's Premiership football, the league faced the

prospect of empty scats and a talent gap that had to be filled. The league's chief executive, Mike Smith, said: "Emotionally we might feel it is the wrong de-cision. But, to be practical, we had to ensure there was a workforce to operate the league." Caught in the crossfire are

England's Hungarian coach, Laszlo Nemeth, and Kevin Cadle, the American coach of the league champions London Towers, who open their Euro-pean Cup campaign in Italy to-morrow against Verona. Cadle, The league's priorities lie in satisfying sponsors and television, and reducing the habilities morrow against Verona. Cadle, who lost Bucknall, Gardiner and Martin Henlan to Contincotal

cans in the cup to comply with international regulations, and be fears London could be the last

English team to play in Europe.
"If a team wins the league with five Americans this season, are they going to dump three of them to play in Europe next scason if the regulations stay the same? I don't think so. I hope it doesn't happen but I know we could be the last English cluh to play in one of the major European competitions."

Nemeth has to assemble players for three European Championship games in the autumn and is now dependent on the co-operation of Continental coaches. "There were solutions to keep our hest players here, but no one

wanted to explore them," he said. "My players are all over Europe - I'll be lucky to get them the night before a game.

ranks with low-grade Americans, in some cases, was a quick and cost-effective fix. "It's cheaper for the clubs," said Jeff Jones, the Derby Storm coach who has signed five Americans this season, Jones, 42 is an American who naturalised to play for England and now helps coach national junior

Allowing teams to fill their

"Players like Bucknall could command £20,000 last season and owners know their coaches can get two Americans for that money," Jones said. "Bucknall is earning £150,000 with the Greek club Iraklis, while the total salary cap for each Bud-weiser League club is £135.000. "It's a business and the

owners and the League had to protect the product. On the surface, it's the quickest and easiest solution to combat the players' exodus. But it is a policy of isolation from the rest of Europe."

Cut hand rules McNamara out of tour

Rugby League

The Bradford Bulls forward Steve McNamara is out of

Great Britain's tour after an accident that could have cost him the use of his hand.

McNamara was helping out at his local amateur club, Skir-laugh, on Saturday when he tripped while carrying a crate of McNamara said. "I have been bottles, cutting his palm and lucky in one way because I

Three hours of surgery at Hull Royal Infirmary saved his career, but the player is understandahly disappointed at missing the tour to Papua New Guinea, Fiji and New Zealand. The players fly out on Friday.

damaging nerves and tendons.

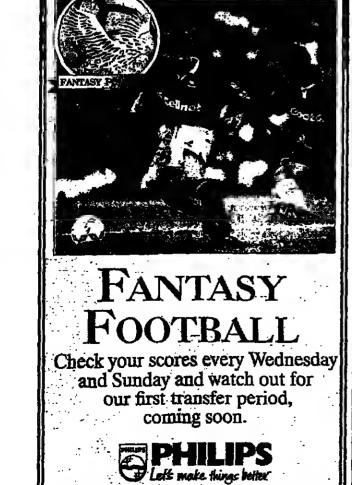
I had got my move from Hull to Bradford in the hope of more international honours, and I was playing well there," McNamara said. "I have been

nicked the artery and the doctors have told me that if the main cut had been there I could have lost my hand." McNamara is replaced by Barrie-Jon Mather, the former

Wignn centre or second-row and an England World Cup player. Mather has spent this sea-son with Perth's Western Reds after transferring from Wigan. Wigan have joined Sheffield

Engles and St Helens in making an inquiry for Warrington's

£1.35m transfer-listed testyn Harris, Warrington are to sign the Wigan and former Great Britain hooker Martin Dermott, and the New Zealand sec-



THE INDEPENDENT SINDEPENDENT

Another blow to family values mittee, said: "This does not help finals of the Benson & Hedges

Ice hockey

STEVE PINDER

All-out action of the wrong sort saw eight players with Scottish clubs being ordered off at the weekend. Three Dumfries Vikings were thrown out in a rough-house at Dumfries as Paisley Pirates won 7-4 and five were thrown out - three Pirates and two Flyers - on Sunday when Paisley edged Fife Flyers 5-3 to move to the top of the Northern Premier Division.

Frank Dempster, the chair-man of the British Ice Hockey Association's disciplinary comthe image of our family sport, nor does it help to encourage

potential sponsors."
Stephen Marshall, a Dumfries director, said they would be watching a video of the game before deciding what action, if any, to take against Gordon Whyte, Dagan Kostie and Michael Tasker. The Paidey Pirates dismissed on Sunday were Scott Piews, Kenny Redmond and Dean Edmiston. Fife Flyers declined to comment on their carly bath pair Lee Mercer and player-coach Mark Morrison,

The eight Superleague teams

have qualified for the quarter-

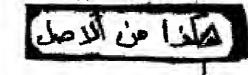
into their last game, against Newcastle Cohras, unbeaten and looked set to take their run to six when they found themselves 3-0 down half-way through the game. Cobras struck back through Terho Koskela, Rick Brebant and Chris Norton to level the score. and even after Scott Young made it 4-3 to Ayr with 10 min-utes left, Jukka Soumanalinen found time to equalise. Cup results, Digest, Page 25

Cup, reflecting the growing gulf between themselves and

Ayr Scottish Eagles went

the regionalised divisions.





COUNTY CHAMPIONSHIP: Surrey stumble along the trail to glory, Kent stay in the chase and Lancashire sink without trace

Stewart's shuffle short of the mark

reports from Cardiff Glamorgan 364 & 442-9 dec Surrey 471-9 dec & 205-7

Surrey's Championship aspir-ations are receding rapidly. After failing to meet Giamorgan's demand to score 336 off what turned out to be 51 overs in Cardiff, victory over Worcestershire in their final match of the season, at The Oval this week may not be enough to earn them their first County title since 1971.

Surrey ended yesterday at 205

who can take the Championship by earning maximum bonus points and 6 draw against Middlesex 6t Grace Road.

only two balls before he was dised by Steve Watkin, and Mark Butcher went in the second over. There was still hope: Surrey may have lost two wickets in two overs but they had scored 15 runs, and Adam Hollioake and Chris Lewis were in no mood to capitulete.

Hat-trick lifts Kent to victory

Kent kept themselves in the hunt for the County Championship title by completing a remarkable 148-run victory at Canterbury as Hampshire collapsed.

Martin McCague took 5 for 3 in 17 deliveries, including his first hat-trick for the county, as the visitors lost their last eight wickets for seveo runs in 44 balls, spanning 42 minutes.

Kent's second hat-trick in the match following Dean Headley's record-equalling third triple of the season on Saturday helped McCague to figures of 6 for 51 and he and Headley have now taken more than 100 Championship wickets between them this season.

Hampshire had looked in complete control at 143 for 1, with Keot's only success until then having come 50 minutes into the day when McCagne trapped Jason Laney leg before for 14 with the total 25. Giles White and Paul Whitaker then added 118 for the second wicket hefore McCague started the int bowling Whitaker for 53 with the total on 143.

Alec Stewart responded to the

challenge laid down by Matthew Maynard by shuffling his batting order, but Brendon Julian lasted

Lewis cut, drove and pulled

Robin Smith went two runs later, also to McCague, and then the former England fast bowler got the wickets of Will Kendall, Adrian Aymes and Dimitri

Mascarenhas to leave Hampshire struggling on 149 for 6.

Matthew Fleming polished off the tail with 3 for 0 in six balls as the Kent celebrations began in earnest.

A modest McCague said: "We have been doing the job for Kent all season and will keep doing so.

Graeme Hick's first century since he lost his England place helped Worcestershire to a fivewicket victory over Gloucestershire at New Road. Chasing 308 in 81 avers, they cruised home after Hick had made his 90th first-class 100 during a stand of 201 for the second wicket with Philip Weston, who scored 89.

Hick's old West Indian adversary Courtney Walsh caused the only problems as Worcestershire made the most of a careerbest match return of 13 for 159 by their Australian captain, Tom Moody. Walsh yorked the opener Tim Ourtis and returned after tea to dismiss the two top scorers in the space of 10 balls.

before tea, beaten by the arm ball wheo going down the wicket to Robert Croft and

duly stumped by Adrian Shaw. Surrey were 84 for 3 at tea but only nine overs had been bowled. It was decision time but they could not make up their minds. Again, Stewart tinkered with the order. He promoted Martin Bicknell, who managed just two, above his brother, Darren, and did not enter the fray himself until the fall of the fifth wicket, the vital one of Hollioake's, bowled by Croft for 85, with the

total at 154 in the 26th over. Effectively that was that, and when Dean Cosker seut back Stewart and Graham Thorpe in quick succession it was Glamorgan who were entertaining

thoughts of an unlikely win. Surrey had needed an early breakthrough when Glamor-gan resumed at 218 for 3 with a lead of 111 runs. It did not come. Steve James and Anthony Cottey extended their fourthwicket partnership to 168 and took Glamorgan to 262 before Cottey was bowled around his legs by Nedeem Shahid for 83.

James soon lost Adrian Dale and had scored 131 in 298 balls when Shahid moved one across the face of the bat and Thorpe took the catch at slip.

A Glamorgan lead of 234 at kunch still left Surrey with a real chance but frustration set in when they were anable to bring an end to the seventh-wicket partnership between Shaw and Croft that realised 79 runs. More importantly in Surrey's eyes, it occupied 18 overs. It was Butcher, the ninth bowler used, who succeeded where his betters had failed, tempting Croft into a slash outside off-stump and

Lewis taking the catch at point. Stewart handed the gloves to Shahid to become the 10th bowler, sending down two overs for 24 runs in a somewhat pointless exercise that smacked more of pique than the professionalism. Butcher had Shaw caught at slip for a career-best 74 and sent back Steve Watkin first ball. Owen Parkin denied him his hat-trick before Maynard eventually relented.



Over the edge: Peter Moores, the wicket-keeper, accepts the chance of a catch offered by Essex's England betsman Nasser Hussaln off ian Salisbury as Sussex charge to victory at Chelmsford yesterday

Northants build toward bright future

HENRY BLOFELD

reports from Northampton Lancashire 356 & 275 Northants 471 & 163-1 Northants win by nine wickets

Northamptonshire made relatively short work of Lancashire: comfortably putting together their third Championship victory of the season half an hour before tea.

After Paul Taylor had taken four wickets in the first hour, Rob Bailey, at his most commanding, and Mal Loye, who was rather less than that, saw back near to the top, by the mil-

them home. This time last year, North-amptonshire, with 12 victories to their credit, were hoping, under Allan Lamb, to win their first Championship. It was not to be, however, and although this season has been much less successful they are ending it with every reason to look ahead

with optimism. John Emburey has had a big influence as their semi-active gure, and there are a member of highly promising young players coming through who should take Northamptonshire

lennium at any rate. The old gurn has not yet finally hung up his boots either, and will certainly be seen in limited-

overs cricket next year... One hears that Lancashure, on the other hand, are finishing the season in an unsouled state of mind. Despite winning the two major limited-over competitions, even if their Championship record is a disgrace, not everyone at Old Trafford appears to want Mike Watkinson to continue as captain. His opponents favour the choice of Wasin Akram, although the ever-increasing number of oneday competitions out East in August and September may limit his availability. The debate will no doubt continue for some

On this last day, Lancashire's cricket reflected this apparent lack of agreement in the dressing room. Starting 111 ahead of Northamptonshire with five wickets in hand on a turning pitch, Lancashire's remaining batsmen needed to put their heads down and graft. As it was, three were caught on the deep square-leg boundary, pulling, and a fourth was lbw playing the same stroke. Taylor was the main beneficiary and he has now taken his tally of first-class wickets to 63.

Needing 161 to win, North-amptonshire lost Richard Warren to the first ball of the innings when he drove Peter Martin to cover. Martin swung the bell away from the bat and Bowled beautifully but was unlucky. His colleagues were not able to live up to him. The fielding was untidy, too, and Love was dropped twice and Bailey once as they took Northamptouchire to victory with an unbroken stand of 163.

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Harrison edges Edwards again

Jonathan Edwards was beaten for the first time since the Olympics in the triple jump at the Toto International eveot in

Tokyo yesterday. Edwards could manage only 17.38 metres, which left him behind the American Kenny Harrison, who recorded 17.51 to repeat his victory over Edwards in Atlanta.

Another Briton defeated by a familiar opponent was Steve Backley, who threw 84.46m to finish third in the javelin behind the man who consigned him to silver at the Games, Jan Zelezny of the Czech Republic. 1min 42.17sec.

Achick Gillingham looks set to

miss out on a third successive

Olympic Games medal after

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The British Olympic Associ-

ation has told Gillingham they

have dropped plans to appeal oo his behalf against the deci-

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COTTISH COCA-COLA CUP

TOE LEAGUE SECOND DIVISION

Gillingham was promoted to

breaststroke bronze medal.

In the 400m, Roger Black led a high-class field, albeit minus Michael Johnsoo, home in 45.33 seconds, while Frankie Fredericks of Namibia edged past the field in the second half of the 100m race to beat the Olympic champion Donovan Bailey, who was relegated to third behind the second-placed

Dennis Mitchell. Merlene Ottey also gained a measure of revenge against Gail Devers in the women's 100m, reversing their Olympic finish. Chandra Sturrup of the

Bahamas was third. Wilson Kipketer turned in the fourth fastest 800m time ever in

Gillingham, who would have

become the first British swim-

mer to win a medal at three suc-

cessive Games, was told at the time he would have the back-

ing of the BOA in any appeal.
"I am bitterly disappointed at
the decision," said Gillingham,

who retired after the Games. "I

believe there should be an

appeal and I should have finan-

cial support to lodge an appeal.

I have got to talk to a few people

before deciding what to do

ing, said they had taken the decision after discussions with

their legal edvisers. "We've told

Nick that the decision is just not open to challenge from the BOA, the IOC or himself. We have

every sympathy for his position."

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Gillingham fails in appeal bid

SPORTING DIGEST Henman winning fight

for fitness

Tim Henman is winning his fitness fight to lead Great Britain's Davis Cup promotion bid against Egypt at Wimbledon, which starts on Friday.

The world No 33 has been troubled by a groin injury after his defeat by Stefan Edberg in the US Open earlier this month, but survived his first practice ses-

sion yesterday.

A Lawn Termis Association spokesman said: "He came through without any problems and unless there is reaction he looks certain to play at the weekend."

Britain's side is completed by Greg Rusedski, Mark Petchey and the doubles specialist Neil Broad, who won the Olympic Games silver medal alongside Henman in Atlanta.

> TODAY'S NUMBER

The crashes that marked the first race at the new Las Vegas Motor Speedway on Sunday The IndyCar event, which also saw four drivers taken to hospital, was won by Richie Heam in a Reynard-Ford.

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Robin Paid, the Bolton fighter ranked ninth in the world, is to challenge Vincenzo Nardiello, of Italy, for his World Boxing Council super-middleweight tide in Milan on 12 October.

Greene Obree will not take part in the World time-trial championship at Lugano on 10 October because of a lack of form caused by the wird infection which weak-ened his performance in the Olympic 4,000 metres pursuit in Atlanta and forced him to withdraw from the defence of his world 4,000m trile in Manchester.

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Wenger confirmed as Arsenal manager

GLENN MOORE

Arsenal finally named their new manager yesterday, two other managers and six weeks after they first decided to hire him. Given Highbury's descent into farce, it would have been fitting if the new manager had been named Rix - Brian, oot Graham. In the event it is, as expected, Arsène Wenger, who becomes the first Frenchman to manage in England.

However, the farce has one final act - Wenger will not be taking over until the end of the month, by which time Arsenal will probably be out of Europe (they have already lost their Uefa Cup home leg 3-2 against Borussia Möochengladbach). Until theo Pat Rice, who

er, Stewart Houston, resigned on Friday, will be in change. He will oversee the return leg with Mönchengladbach and league games against Middlesbrough and Sunderland and will then become Weager's assistant -Arsenal have denied approaching either Rix (Graham) or Chris Waddle for that post. However Houston - who was

yet entice Rice to Loftus Road. Wenger's first official day at Highbury is to be on 30 September. He will have 12 days' grace before the first competitive match - away to Blackburn Rovers on 12 October. The 47year-old becomes the 19th and highest-paid manager in Arsereceiving £2m over three years.

spend on rebuilding the team. formed from laughing stock to
The move has created an inserious force, had originally international managerial merrygo-round which underlines the global nature of the modern game. Wenger will be replaced in Japan by Carlos Quiroga, a former manager of the Porturnese national side who is currently coaching the New York/New Jersey Metrostars. Nagoya Grampus Eight, the J-League club Wenger trans-

tended to retain Wenger until November, still-two months before his contract expired. The situation changed, said Masaharu Teshima, a Grampus Eight spokesman, when Arsenal sacked Bruce Rioch.

Interestingly, it suggests Ar-senal sacked Rioch in the hope it would lead to an early release for Wenger. Peter Hill-Wood,

the Arsenal chairman, said: "We have paid them [Grampus Eight] nothing for his early release. They have acted like gentlemen and accepted that he so badly wanted to come to us."

Few would suggest Arsenal have behaved like gentlemen during the affair, but although his appointment has been badly handled, Wenger remains a bold, even admirable, choice. He comes with a high reputa-

a glowing testimony from Glenn Hoddle, who played under him there and who was inspired to coach by Wenger.

The Frenchman becomes only the fourth oon-British citizen to manage at the highest level in England. Two of the others - Ossie Ardiles and Ruud Gullit - played here. The third, Josef Venglos, did not and

more successful.

This signals a new era for us," Hill-Wood said. "I believe Arsène Wenger is going to be a great success and drag football in this country into the 20th century. There is no doubt in my mind we are blinkered and backward as a sporting nation.

"Look at the British results in Europe, they were not good, m-cluding ours. We keep teiling ourselves we have the best league in Europe, but it is not true. We need to catch up with the Cootinentals and we think Arsene is the man to help us."

Wenger, speaking from Japan, said yesterday. It is my dream to take over a club in a top European league and if I didn't take the opportunity oow, it may never happen."
Football and alcohol, page 3

Allen ends Washington's giant losing streak



Terry Allen (left), the Washington Redskins running back, breaks upfield with Corey Widmer, the New York Giants linebacker in pursuit. Washington ended a six-game losing sequence against the Giants with a 31-10 victory; Green Bay win again, page 23

THE INDEPENDENT CROSSWORD



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Salisbury's best all but ends Essex title hopes

Cricket

DEREK PRINGLE eports from Chelmsford Sussex 363 and 417-8 dec Essex 360 and 283 Sussex win by 137 runs

Another challenge for the title has been expunged in all but remote technicality, and eicestershire will rest casier after Essex's failure to beat Sussex at home yesterday. Set 421 to win off a minimum of 71 overs, the home side fell apart in the middle, lan Salisbury taking a career-best 8 for 75 as risks against the turning ball proved

too costly to sustain.

For Essex, the disappointmeot will not be easy to swallow, particularly as another oew dawn fades to grey. Although pedantic mathematical possibilities still exist - should Essex win their final match, and either pestilence or flood suddeoly descend upon Grace Road - only Kent now realistically have the beating of the Midlands county, should this

weekend's weather set fair. Essex's run chase was a big ask in any language, let alone in the dropped aitches that accompanied former glories. The pitch, so good for three days, yesterday began to help the

spinners. Apart from failing to wio the toss and thereby take the last bowl on this slowly eroding surface, Essex have little to admonish themselves over. However, for Salisbury, who

had confined himself almost

solely to bowling around the wicket in the first innings, the TOP OF THE TABLE

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pitch's extra purchase proved heartening. For one thing, he was more positive yesterday, starting over the wicket and continuing. despite Esser's thunderous start which saw the hundred posted in the 14th over.

He stayed over too, gaining the prestigious scalp of Stuart Law with a masterful delivery that pitched middle and hit the top of off. The Australian returned to the pavilion with the kind of quizzical look normally

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associated with those hamboozled by Shane Warne.

In the past, Essex have always been sustained over big lastinnings totals by centuries from their batting grand master Gra-ham Gooch. Although he began well, dispatching the scam of James Kirtley and Vasbert Drakes with the disdain of his youth, a misjudgment against Salisbury - a top-edged sweep - cost him his wicket.

It meant that Essex now relied upon Nasser Hussain and Law. Both began well, with Hus-sain cutting sweetly and Law plundering a six and two fours off Salisbury. Both, however, perished as the run rate began to climb, Law's exit prompting a collapse that saw Essex lose three wickets with the score on 167, including that of Ronnie Irani for a third-ball duck.

Only a Pyrrhic half-century by Robert Rollins prevented complete capitulation, as the draw and its extra three points were given little consideration.

in truth, Essex lost their chance by allowing Sussex to add 82 runs to their overnight score. Apart from a couple of umpiring decisions that irked them, each run pricked as sharp as the seaxes on their sweaters. That pain is sure to haunt them should Leicestershire and Kent stumble in a few days' time.

McKinlay misses visit . to Tynecastle

Coca-Cola Cup quarter-final over lorge Cadete's fitnes against his old club Hearts

Aberdeen hope to conti tonight, and may also be out of the first Old Firm derby of the season against Rangers at Ibrox oo 28 September. The 31-year-old Scotland in-ternational has undergone a

minor knee operation after initially sustaining the injury in last month's World Cup qualifier against Austria in Vienna. Celtic also have Alan Stubbs still injured and Brian O'Neil suspended, but that is nothing

by comparison to the problems facing Hearts. The four players seot off against Rangers on Saturday -Pasquale Bruno, David Weir, Neil Pointon and Paul Ritchie - will all be serving their auto-

matic one-match suspensions. Three more defenders are injured, but Jim Jefferies, the Hearts manager, said: "The quality of the four players we have lost will clearly lessen our chances, but we won't be sitting back. It's not as if you can play

with a full squad, but we will give when the chips are down it can

work in your favour." Jefferies, who has Craig Levein, Gary Locke and the reserve defender David Murie injured, could add the 13-year-old left-back Gary Naysmith because of the four suspensions. Celtic add Swart Gray to their test to Craig Robertson.

Tosh McKinlay will miss Celtic's squad, while there is a doubt Aberdeen hope to continue their impressive defence of the cup as they travel to the First Divisioo side Dundee in a repeat of last season's final,

which Aberdeen won 2-0. Jim Duffy, the Dundee manager, is waiting for news on the fitness of George Shaw, while the defender Tommy McQueen is out injured. "It was a big high to beat United at Tannadice and it would be completely unbelievable to knock out Aberdeen as well," Duffy said.

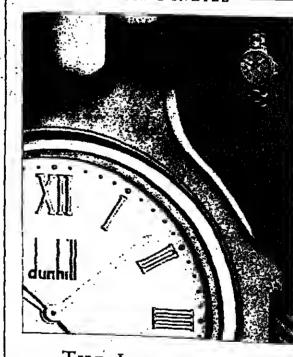
Financially, it would not make a great deal of difference to us unless we made it back to a final. The day someone comes in here and offers me money to buy a player is the day I will Aberdeen could recall the

midfielder Paul Bernard at tu expense of either David Rowson or Darren Young, while Stephen Glass and Dean Windass are fit. The other Premier v First

Division match is at East End Park, where Dunfermline meet Partick Thistle. Dunfermline It would be nice to face them reached the League Cup final five years ago where they lost it our best shot. Sometimes to Hibs, while Partick have not made any impressioo oo a cup

Scottish Cup semi-final in 1979. Thistle will be without Tommy Turner, Dave Farrell and Tom Smith, while Dunfermline have Hamish French back but will give a late fitness

ALFRED DUNHILL .



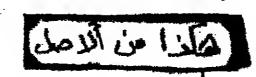
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